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## Abidance to ethics affirmed

**Dr. Yamani stresses common Arab destiny**

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani Wednesday reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's adherence to all international norms, ethics and conventions.

He said this attitude included good neighborliness, non-interference in the internal affairs of others and allowing all people of the earth freedom to choose whatever structures, bases and regimes which are in line with their nature or which they think may best serve their interests.

In a statement to the Saudi Press Agency, Yamani said it was from this conviction that Saudi Arabia shaped its policy. "The most salient feature of such policy is that all efforts are genuinely exerted to foster solidarity and fruitful, positive cooperation with both Islamic and Arab countries which share the same purpose and have a common destiny," he said.

The minister said Saudi Arabian rulers and officials are firmly convinced that stability in any region depends on understanding and good relations among the countries of that area. They must agree to stay clear of big power rivalry, he said.

The kingdom is fully aware of the importance of following a policy conducive to real sovereignty and independence so that Arab countries in general can devote their attention to affairs in the field of development, he said.

Saudi Arabia, which plays a leading role in the Gulf, has renewed its call that the fate of the area must rest with its own nationals. There must be complete understanding, integration and coordination among the countries of the area, he said.

The reaction to this call was excellent because everybody is convinced that this is the only way leading to a free and dignified life away from the natural alternative of foreign presence or influence which could play a harmful role, he said.

He expressed his optimism for the future of the Arab and Islamic nation. "There will come a day when unity of ranks will become a reality and when all adversities and artificial and imaginary differences will dissolve." He added that dissension was the making of enemies of the nation who play neighbors and friends against each other. Those enemies, he said, succeeded in posing as defenders of our nation and our interests.

Yamani affirmed that the nation is marching toward unification of ranks and consolidation of its solidarity because of its great history, deep-rooted values and noble principles which give it force and steadfastness.

He said those same principles and values which united the nation in the past and ensured its safety are the same that will keep safeguarding its bright future and, God willing, ward off any dissension.

## Iraq, Sudan resume ties

BAGHDAD, April 2 (Agencies) — Iraq and Sudan have agreed to resume diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, the Iraqi News Agency reported Wednesday.

Sudan cut off relations with Iraq last April charging Iraq of instigating disorders in the capital of Khartoum.

A Sudanese envoy arrived in Baghdad Tuesday carrying a message from President Jafar Numeiri to express support for a proposal by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for a pan-Arab charter to bar foreign troops and military bases from Arab countries.

The agency said the envoy expressed President's Numeiri's desire to resume diplomatic relations between the two countries.



**AFRICAN REPORT:** King Khalid Wednesday received a report on the progress of the Senegal River Basin development project. Saudi Arabia is one of the international financiers of the multimillion hydroelectric and agricultural scheme. The messages were delivered by a delegation including Aminu Lim, minister of agricultural development in Mali, Weld Hiba, supreme governor of the organization of Senegal neighboring states, Shamsuddin Nadawi, the Senegalese ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and Ahmad Ould Sidi Muhammad, charge d'Affaires of the Mauritanian embassy in Saudi Arabia. The meeting was attended by Crown Prince Fahd, and Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah.

## Israel officially asks for Alaskan oil

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 2 — Israel has formally asked the United States to provide it with Alaskan crude oil under a controversial bilateral supply agreement, and Prime Minister Menachem Begin plans to press the request in his upcoming summit talks with President Carter, according to U.S. sources.

Citing high prices and difficulties in obtaining petroleum on the world market, Israel has asked the Carter administration to activate supply accord, which was signed last year as an annex to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Israel's oil request was made March 28 by Israeli Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai in a meeting here with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, the sources said.

The Israelis reportedly want the U.S. to supply some 70,000 barrels a day of Alaskan crude oil — about 40 per cent of Israel's total oil needs.

They have asked for Alaskan petroleum because it is heavier and would thus be suitable for Israel's refineries, according to energy sources.

In addition to economic considerations, there are political motives behind Israel's request for U.S. petroleum, American sources said.

Israel wants to "test Carter's will" and his commitment to follow through on past pledges, the sources said. The move is also designed to give Israel some bargaining leverage in the up-coming Begin-Carter summit, these sources added.

The Carter administration has not decided whether to honor Israel's oil request. Some sources say the president would like to avoid exporting oil to Israel at this time.

Selling domestic crude to Israel at a time when the administration is urging Americans to conserve energy could have adverse political repercussions for Carter in an election year, sources noted.

To buy time, the U.S. plans to send a team of energy experts to Israel later this month to determine whether Israel really needs access to U.S. oil.

The annex to the Egyptian-Israeli treaty provides that the U.S. will supply Israel with petroleum in the event the Zionist state cannot acquire it elsewhere.

Some U.S. officials doubt that Israel has reached an emergency stage that would require activation of the 15-year supply accord.

But Begin plans to raise the oil supply request during his talks in mid-April here with Carter — partly in an effort to distract attention from the main subject of the talks, the Palestinian issue — sources said.

As an alternative to activating the bilateral supply agreement, the Carter administration has suggested that Israel try to purchase the requested 70,000 barrels a day from Mexico.

Canada to plan policy on M.E.

By Farouk Laqman

JEDDAH, April 2 — The new Canadian government has not yet made a policy declaration on the Middle East, Canadian Ambassador William Jenkins told *Arab News* Wednesday.

The ambassador said he was misquoted in Saudi Arabian press report Wednesday that said he had reaffirmed his government's intention to re-evaluate its Mideast policy in favor of Canadian-Arab interests.

Jenkins confirmed, however, that Canadian Foreign Minister J. MacGuin was visiting Paris where he will discuss the Middle East question, but Jenkins said his government did not contemplate contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"Such contacts were recommended by Robert Stanfield, special representative of former Premier Joe Clark who reported to the government after visiting several Middle East countries late this year," he said.

Stanfield's report made it clear that the Canadian government should move closer to the PLO, Jenkins added.

"Now that recommendations are before the new government of Pierre Trudeau," he said, "they will, I am sure, consider it seriously because it was the end of six months' work on the part of Stanfield. What decision they will take I do not know. They will want to look at the question very carefully because it is a very important one."

Jenkins said the new government will not revive the issue of moving the embassy to Jerusalem. Stanfield advised Clark to review his policy and he did, he said.

"That issue is a dead one, it has not been spoken of since then. It was even mentioned during the election campaign."

Stanfield's report did not recommend recognizing the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. The report said: "In my (Stanfield's) view Canada should broaden contacts with the PLO on issues affecting negotiations and the peace process, with a view to encouraging that organization toward greater moderation and realism and toward open acceptance of the legitimacy of the State of Israel. They will require frank communications and discussion. To play such a role, there is no requirement that Canada formally recognizes the

## Begin plans early U.S. arrival to seek new summit

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 2 — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin is seeking a three-way Camp David-style summit with his Egyptian and American counterparts, and will arrive in the United States earlier than planned to allow for such a meeting with Presidents Sadat and Carter, informed U.S. sources said Wednesday.

Sadat is opposed to a three-way summit, but Carter has not yet made up his mind, the sources said.

Begin, who had originally planned to visit the U.S. after April 10, has now decided to fly into New York on April 7 or 8, about the same time Sadat plans to arrive in Washington, according to the sources.

The Israeli prime minister will stay in New York until Sadat has left, but if a three-way summit can be arranged, he will fly down to Washington to meet with the Egyptian and American presidents.

Israel is applying pressure on Carter to agree to the summit, but there has been no decision yet from the White House, and none is expected until Carter has a chance to speak with Sadat.

Meanwhile, American sources told *Arab News* — *Ashtar Al-Awsat* that Begin plans to ask Carter to agree to an extension of the May 26 deadline on Palestinian autonomy.

The Israeli leader wants the deadline extended for another five or six months, the sources said.

Egypt is adamantly opposed to an extension.

"If Carter and Begin agree on this, we will not go along," one Egyptian official said.

Carter has not yet made up his mind on whether to pursue an extension of the deadline laid down in the Camp David accords.

But sources here noted that several influential Arab states were willing to give the U.S. leader until next autumn to achieve a breakthrough on the Palestinian question.

If nothing is achieved by that time, then



Ambassador William Jenkins

these Arab states could apply economic sanctions against the U.S., including use of the "oil weapon," the sources said.

In a related development, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir Wednesday criticized a resolution in the Egyptian parliament that the Arab section of East Jerusalem be considered an integral part of Jordan West Bank territory, Israeli radio reported.

"The Egyptian resolution is not constructive and comes at a time when we are trying to conclude the delicate Palestinian autonomy negotiations," the radio quoted Shamir as saying.

The radio noted that Begin had clearly stated the Israeli position on the status of Jerusalem in a letter to U.S. President Jimmy Carter on Sept. 17, 1978, shortly after the Camp David agreements.

The letter declared that East Jerusalem was no longer part of the Jordan West Bank, that the city would never again be partitioned, and that Jerusalem was and would remain the capital of Israel, the radio said.

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## Japanese join Jubail project

TOKYO, April 2 (R) — Saudi Arabia and a Japanese consortium led by the Mitsubishi Industrial group, have agreed to launch a feasibility study on a \$2 billion joint petrochemical complex to be constructed at Jubail in the Eastern Province.

The agreement was signed in Tokyo Wednesday between Abdul Aziz Al-Zamil, vice chairman and managing director of the state-owned Saudi Basic Industries Corp. (SABIC), and the Japanese consortium of 54 firms, the Saudi Petrochemical Development Company (SPDC). The complex, expected to go into operation in 1985, is expected to involve an ethylene center capable of producing 450,000 tons a year.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by visiting Saudi Planning Minister Hisham Nazer and Japanese International Trade and Industry Minister Yoshitake Sasaki.

Zamil told a press conference that after the one-year feasibility study, a joint venture company would be set up to build and operate the projected complex. He did not elaborate.

He said the Japanese consortium would get bonus of crude oil in return. This would be provided under criteria to be established by Saudi Arabia. The criteria, Zamil said, would be based on the amount of capital investment and the exploitation of new markets for petrochemical products from the complex among other factors. The oil bonus would be allocated at official crude prices set by government, he said.

Also Japan's Hitachi Shipbuilding and Engineering Company said it won a 10 billion yen (\$40 million) order from the Saudi Arabian Royal Commission for a desalination plant capable of making 20,000 tons of fresh water daily.

The plant on a large barge would be installed at the Yanbu petrochemical complex, 250 km (150 miles) north of Jeddah, by July 1981, it said.

A similar-size barge-mounted desalination plant is now being built at Jubail.

Wednesday's signing of the interim agreement represents an important event in the industrial cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Japan. The agreement represents the first phase of the implementation of the petrochemical project which shall be based on an ethane cracker to produce 450 thousand tons per year of ethylene, 250 thousand tons per year of low density polyethylene, 150 thousand tons per year of ethylene glycol and 80 thousand tons per year of high density polyethylene.

The agreement also calls for training of Saudis in the areas of operation, maintenance and management of petrochemical plants.

SABIC is responsible for the implementation of petrochemical, iron and steel, aluminum, and fertilizer industries in Saudi Arabia. The new project is the 10th that SABIC has signed interim agreement for, of which four projects are now under construction and another two are expected to have the final joint venture agreements signed later this month.

SPDC is a consortium formed in Japan in 1979 from 54 Japanese companies of which a group of Mitsubishi companies (11) is the top shareholder. Other shareholders include 13 oil companies, nine power companies, 11 petrochemical companies, four banks, and two gas companies. The Japanese government is supporting the project on the national basis and is expected in the future to acquire a certain percentage of the equity shares in SPDC.

Saudi-U.S. cooperation 'important'

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 2 — U.S. and Saudi officials both stressed the importance of continued economic and technical cooperation between their two countries, but announced they will sign no new project agreements during the meeting here of the U.S.-Saudi Arabian Joint Economic Commission.

The primary focus of the commission in upcoming months will be "increasing the scope and implementation" of the 19 technical cooperation projects which the joint economic commission now supervises, the delegates announced here Tuesday.

Speaking at the opening session of the commission's two-day meeting, Saudi Arabian Finance Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail termed the economic cooperation between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia of "key importance to global stability."

He also projected "continued growth" in the commission's activity and said the commission will become more important as Saudi Arabia implements its Third Five Year Plan which has a "larger role for institution building."

Aba Al-Khail, along with U.S. Treasury Secretary William Miller, co-chairs the joint economic commission which since it was established in June 1974 has launched a broad range of technical cooperation projects in Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi minister called the economic cooperation agreement a "story of success" and specifically praised the commission's work in helping the Kingdom "to take full advantage of its water and solar resources."

At Tuesday's opening session, the commission which Miller termed as a "new and pioneering idea," now has the capability to "expand and retain the share of the U.S. market" in Saudi Arabia.

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## 5 planned for Eastern Province

## New hospitals to be built

DAMMAM, April 2 (SPA) — The Ministry of Health will build five hospitals in the Eastern Province during the fiscal year 1980-81. The projects are to be issued as tenders shortly.

Dr. Sief El Din Al-Shakli, director general of health affairs in the Eastern Province on Wednesday said the hospitals are to be built in Dammam and Qatif with a capacity of 300 beds each, a 100 beds hospital in Jubail and 50 beds each in Raheemah, Hafuf, Jiran and Alkhobar.

The Ministry of Health took delivery of five hospitals by the end of last year. The hospitals are located in Jeddah, Medina, Hofuf, Jiran and Alkhobar.

The hospitals of Hofuf and Jeddah are run with the assistance of Nationalist China. Jiran's hospital is to be run by Danish firms.

Alkhobar's hospital is being managed by King Faisal University of Dammam, and King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah is also working in cooperation with Chinese experts in the Jeddah hospital.

The running of Medina's hospital is being studied by a Lebanese firm. The firm will decide whether the hospital can be managed by local experts, those working in the old hospital and other physicians.

The total figure of Chinese medical and technical staff working in Saudi Arabian public hospitals has reached 393 experts. In the hospital of Hofuf there are 200 Chinese.

The five hospitals that opened lately had added some 2,275 beds to the public health system.

## Awaits ministry approval

## Jeddah fish farm proposed

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, April 2 — A feasibility study for the construction and operation of a fish hatchery in Jeddah has been submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Water, the director of fish research said Wednesday.

Fawad Daghistani, director for the Western Region, told *Arab News* the fish hatchery would make economical studies to provide private sector fish farms.

"After we study a certain species of fish, then we can provide private fisheries with information for working their own farms and also give them small fish to get started," he said. "This is the way things have proceeded in other countries — with the government doing some initial research and then providing the information and fish to the private sector. It worked well for them and it will work here," he added.

The official said a small amount of Telahisa

fish already have been imported from Kenya and Egypt and are being studied in a collection area in the harbor. He said the studies will concern fish capable of being marketed in the area.

"Now we have the fourth generation of these fish. Their market size will be more than two kilos. Right now they are about 150 grams, also a marketable size. The picture is very clear for establishing commercial farms for these types of fish," he added.

For future studies, Daghistani said the department will select commercial fish from the Red Sea. Three types of fish presently under consideration are the Buria (mullet), emperor fish and the milk fish. The planned location for the fish farm will be north of the desalination plant. Since the department is waiting for ministry review of the feasibility study and subsequent funds allotment, Daghistani couldn't say the exact size of the farm, except to say it will be "very large."

## Islamic center to be constructed

ISLAMABAD, April 2 (SPA) — Construction of an Islamic Center near King Faisal mosque in Islamabad has begun, it was reported Wednesday.

King Faisal had given Pakistan when he visited in 1975 U.S. \$ 10 million for the construction of the center.

The Sharia (Islamic Law) College of the

center is expected to be completed within six months. As for the compound of King Faisal Mosque, it is expected to be completed next year.

King Faisal Mosque is the largest mosque in the world. Saudi Arabia had donated \$ 12 million for its construction.

## Employees receive incentives

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — The Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephone decided to grant incentive bonuses to 250 employees of various posts in various parts of the Kingdom.

The Minister of PIT Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal Wednesday issued the decision within the context of the policy which aims at improving postal services and encourage its employees.



ARRIVAL: New Governor of Mecca Prince Majed arriving in Mecca Wednesday.

## Girls school to get television

DAMMAM, April 2 (SPA) — A contract was awarded to a Saudi Arabian company to establish a closed circuit television network for Girls' Colleges in Dammam. The SR800,000 contract calls for completion of work in six months.

The director of girls' colleges in Dammam, Dr. Muhammad Al-Harfi, said Wednesday

that bids were being considered for renting large buildings in Dammam to be used for housing, laboratories, lecture halls and central library for female students.

Dr. Harfi pointed out that second semester examinations are to begin June 1 and continue for ten days.

## Administrative course to begin

DAMMAM, April 2 (SPA) — The fourth training course of the General Administration Institute of Dammam will begin May 12. The course comprises administration, conducts, management of personnel affairs, accountancy, management of communication

centers, communication, government correspondence and store keeping.

The director of the institute, Ahmad Al-Mansour, Wednesday said that admission for the fourth training course is still open for government employees and the public.

## WEATHER

The western, central and north-eastern regions will be under low air pressure keeping winds southerly, warm and active. They will raise sand and limit horizontal vision in those areas.

The north-western region will be affected by cold winds which will reduce temperatures. The winds will change to northerly and moderate to active. The cool winds might affect parts of the western and central region in the evening.

Clouds of various highs will thicken in most areas, bringing possible scattered thunderstorms. Sea conditions in the Red Sea will be medium to choppy, and moderate in the Gulf.

Wednesday's temperatures (maximum,

minimum in centigrade)		
Mecca	39	22
Jeddah	37	24
Riyadh	37	24
Dhahran	37	25
Medina	35	25
Taif	31	16
Jizan	33	26
Hail	32	18
Turath	27	18
Qaisumah	36	23
Sulayyil	39	18
Abha	25	11

## New Mecca governor arrives

JEDDAH, April 2 (SPA) — The new Governor of Mecca province Prince Majed ibn Abdul Aziz arrived here Wednesday to assume his responsibilities. He succeeds Prince Fawaz, who resigned last year for health reasons.

Prince Majed was received by his deputy Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen, the District Commissioner Sheikh Abdul Rahman Sudeiri, Mayor Muhammad Faris, the general manager of Saudia, the police commissioner and many other senior officials and officers.

## Six million Turkish lira donated

MECCA, April 2 (SPA) — The Muslim World League has given five million Turkish liras to victims of the recent floods in Turkey.

The league also gave one million Turkish liras to complete the construction of Al-Jama mosque in Ankara and another million liras as a contribution to set up a mosque inside the Turkish parliament.

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, the secretary general of the league, said he him-

self visited Turkey lately and witnessed bubbling Islamic activity there.

He added that Premier Soliman Dem asserted to him that Turkey supports Islamic causes as well as Islamic activity in Turkey. Harakan said the league will send teachers to the Arabic language institute which will soon be opened in Turkey. The official returned here Tuesday after a visit to Turkey.

## Prince opens sports meeting

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — President of the Youth Welfare Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, the chairman of the Arab Sports Federation, on Wednesday opened the fifth session meetings of the Executive Bureau of the Arab

Sports Federation. The session will last four days.

The bureau will discuss some issue regard to the development of sports in Arab nation.

## Hasa slaughterhouse opens

HASA, April 2 (SPA) — The ideal slaughterhouse of Hasa began operation with a capacity of 500 heads of sheep, cattle and camels. A contract for running and maintaining the slaughterhouse has been awarded to an international (foreign) company. Cost of the contract or the name of the firm was not revealed.

Under the contract the foreign firm has to

operate and maintain the slaughterhouse. The contract is part of a nationwide project ideal slaughterhouses to work.

In the meantime, the Municipality of Hasa is working on a project for illumination of main entrance to the city of Hasa, via road from Dhahran to Hasa. The illumination covers five kilo meters of the road.

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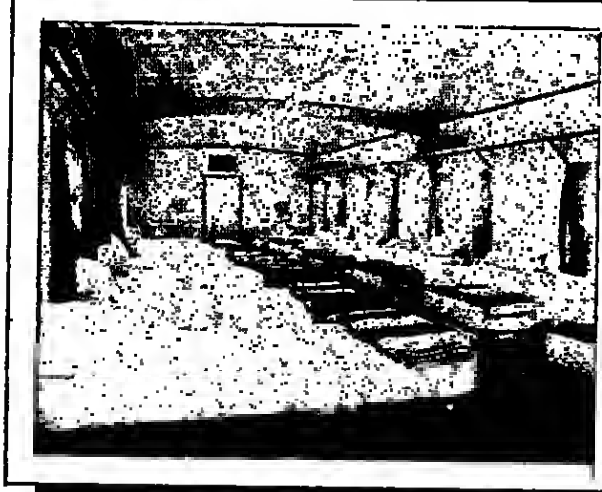
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## By King Faisal Foundation scholarships offered

JEDDAH, April 2 (SPA) — King Faisal's anthropic Foundation has announced a total of ten scholarships for advanced studies in Islamic studies, an increase in the value of annual awards and funds for cancer research worldwide.

The Director General of the foundation, Khaled Al Faisal said the scholarship program will start operating next year and the annual prizes would be increased to

SR300,000 for service to Islam, SR250,000 for Islamic studies and SR250,000 for distinction in Arabic literature.

Ten per cent of the budget for special projects and charitable services will be earmarked for cancer research. The foundation will contact international organizations for this purpose.

The scholarship will be for studies in sciences, technology, economics, and administration.

## During Yamani's Canada visit Energy ministers hold talks

TORONTO, April 2 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani met the Canadian Minister of Energy Herb Gray on Wednesday. They discussed issues of common interest. Sheikh Yamani is on a visit to Canada.

Three per cent of their crude input losses amounting to between 400,000 to 600,000 barrels of oil a day.

Many existing refinery designs allow production of large quantities of residual fuel oil produced as residue after production of premium light products — which is dumped on the market, competing with coal nuclear power and other fuels at a price below crude, he said.

"As a result of this practice, not only is coal inhibited from attaining its fair share of the market, but also heavy crude oils are in most cases left virtually untapped in their reservoirs."



FRENCH MEETING: Representatives of 84 French companies at general discussions on the possibility of cooperation between Tihama and their companies, which manufacture house equipment and wish to enter the Saudi Arabian market. At the head of the table are: Tatal Dhulaimi, Tihama's assistant general manager and Omar Hashim, director of Jeddah branch.



DONATIONS: The Committee for the Donations to Victims of the Holy Haram has so far collected more than SR 100 million, and contributions are still forthcoming from citizens, Muslims and companies. The committee's chairman, Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing, said a sub-committee drafted a number of important resolutions, which will be made public after the King has reviewed them.

## Tihama honors exhibitors from France

JEDDAH, April 2 — Tihama gave a reception honoring the French companies' delegations participating in the French house exhibition that opened here Saturday. The lunch was given at Tihama's headquarters Monday.

The luncheon was attended by the secretary of French exhibitions abroad and the 84 companies of the exhibit. Tatal Dhulaimi, Tihama's assistant general manager, Omar Hashim, Jeddah branch director, Hassan Basbawri, public relations manager, Dawood Sulaiman, sales development manager, and Ramzi Salehah, marketing research manager.

The French delegation inspected the various departments and divisions of Tihama briefed on the company's activities in the field of advertising, public relations and marketing research inside and outside the Kingdom.

The visitors were given a lecture on the Saudi Arabian market and its development.

## Hinders Arab unity Moroccan criticizes Sahara war

JEDDAH, April 2 (SPA) — A senior Moroccan official gave a press conference here Wednesday in which he warned against the danger of a persistent Sahara conflict.

Al-Hashemi Al-Ghaylani, deputy speaker of the House of Deputies, said that Morocco had announced its readiness to solve the Sahara problem in the framework of "the unity of Arab North African states."

He said that the conflict over the Sahara can only serve enemies of the Arab world. He dwelt on the importance of Arab solidarity.

now that the Arab world is confronted with major conspiracies against the issue of Palestine.

Al-Ghaylani expressed his thanks and appreciation to the King, people and government for the role played by Saudi Arabia on the Arab and Islamic levels.

The Moroccan official arrived here Tuesday heading of a delegation of the Istiqlal (Independence Party) as part of a tour of countries in the area.

## BRIEFS

JEDDAH, April 2 (SPA) — Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thamayan Wednesday received a copy of the credentials of John Yen Joha Tsango, the new South Korean ambassador to Saudi Arabia. The meeting was attended by Chief of Foreign Ministry Protocol Salem Sunbul.

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter,

returned here from Kuwait Wednesday after attending the Arab Gulf Education Ministers Conference. The four-day conference adopted a number of resolutions and adopted the statute of the Gulf university due to be set up in Bahrain.

JEDDAH, April 2 (SPA) — Saudia, the Saudi national carrier, Thursday inaugurates two new flights, twice a week, to Mogadishu and Nairobi.

## Saudi Comment

By Mubhammad Omar  
Al-Amoudi  
Al Riyadh

For the past few years, the television has been presenting a song and a play after the news. But, later on, it added one more play to the existing series. The persistent nature of the program has created some sort of a habit in the viewers. As such, it has lost its ability to attract even the cafe hauniers and the housewives.

Today, if you ask anyone about the best TV program, the respondent will insist it is the news. It is, though, an unexpected and unjust answer, since the TV news bulletin or Radio Monte Carlo news broadcast cannot be equipped with as many potentialities usually available to other programs.

The point to stress is that TV chooses an inappropriate time for these programs. Most people are at work when these programs are aired, so they forget whether such programs exist and consequently are led to imagine television has been invented to present only songs and plays to the viewers.

Only last week I suggested to a friend from the TV department to change the timing of a specific program, so that a larger number of people could benefit from a serious and objective program. I don't quite know whether my friend will do so or will simply swing back to the views of the majority which has gotten used to the imported series, willingly or otherwise I can't say.

Besides, the TV ought to explore some new method for self-criticism and self-evaluation. It must interact with the people and forget that it is only an amusement machinery for a specific set of people. Intellectuals and writers organize a weekly meeting at the house of Abdul Aziz Al-Rifaie in Riyadh. The idea never dawned upon the TV men to transmit a live picture of this literary gathering to its viewers.

There should not be any need to remind TV officials about its interaction with the society within the bounds of our faith and traditions, so that we don't have to see a day when the TV set is considered as "a piece of furniture or decor in the house," as one sharp-tongued friend put it.

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**'It's not going forward'****U.S. cancels aid to Pakistan**

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP) — The U.S. administration has withdrawn its request to Congress for aid to Pakistan, effectively ending its aborted effort to shore up that country's defenses after the Soviet military move into Afghanistan.

Officials at the Office of Management and Budget said Tuesday that U.S. President Jimmy Carter's administration quietly decided not to ask Congress to appropriate money for Pakistan in the revised 1981 budget proposal sent to Capitol Hill this week.

In the original 1981 budget proposal, submitted in January, the administration had indicated it would ask Congress for a supplemental appropriation of \$ 400 million in emergency economic and military aid to Pakistan over a two-year period.

But things have changed since then. "It's not going forward," one U.S. State Department official said of the aid request. "The momentum is all in the other direction."

Another official, who also asked not to be

named, said that while the United States is still in contact with Pakistan, "There are no talks going on that I would dignify by describing as negotiations."

The Pakistani aid proposal was hastily formulated after Soviet troops moved into Afghanistan in December. The fear at the time was the Soviets might roll on toward the Gulf.

The Russian action coincided with a low point in modern U.S.-Pakistani relations. All aid except food shipments was suspended last year because the Carter administration felt Pakistan was secretly trying to develop nuclear weapons.

In view of the emergency situation in neighboring Afghanistan, Carter announced he would ask Congress to waive laws that prohibit aid to countries trying to build nuclear weapons.

But a few weeks later, Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq denounced the American offer as "peanuts."

**Struggle for capital continues****Chad fighting intensified**

PARIS, April 2 (AP) — Artillery, mortar and machine gun fire rocked N'Djamena for the 12th straight day Wednesday as rival factions continued their struggle for the capital of Chad amid reports president Goukouni Oueddei had appealed to Libya for help.

Reports reaching Paris said the fighting appeared to have intensified and that shooting could be heard near the airport in the northern section of the city, an area controlled by forces loyal to the president.

No details were available, but the French news agency Agence France-Presse quoted informed sources as saying forces under the command of Defense Minister Hissene Habre had made some progress from the southern section of the city to an area near the airport.

The agency also quoted Radio Tripoli as saying Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi had received a written message from Goukouni asking for Libyan help in his fight with Habre.

Reports from N'Djamena said the inten-

sified combat had forced personnel from the Soviet embassy to seek refuge at the French military base north of the airport. France has a 1,100-man expeditionary force in Chad, but is under strict orders from Paris to remain out of the conflict.

The South African Broadcasting Corp.'s news monitoring service said reports from Chad indicated at least 1,000 people have died in the 12 days of fighting and nearly 100,000 people have crossed the Chari River and fled into neighboring Cameroon.

Three French army medical teams are working in the capital and 70 more doctors and nurses have arrived from France. The International Red Cross also has set up a field hospital and is working in Cameroon to help that country deal with the refugee problem.

SABC monitors reported hospitals and clinics in N'Djamena are running low on medical supplies and some facilities no longer have bandages or pain killing drugs for the wounded.

**'Iraqi Mujahideen'****Baghdad blast claimed by guerrillas**

BEIRUT, April 2 (R) — A previously unknown guerrilla group has claimed responsibility for a grenade attack at a Baghdad student meeting in which Iraqi Deputy Premier Tariq Aziz was wounded, a Beirut paper reported Wednesday.

The independent daily *Al-Nahar* said an anonymous telephone caller told newspapers here the "Iraqi Mujahideen" faction was responsible for Tuesday's blast which, according to the Iraqi News Agency (INA), injured several people, including a number of

children. "Mujahideen" means those who struggle in a holy war and is a title adopted by a number of Islamic groups including a commando organization in Iran.

Tuesday INA identified the attacker as of Iranian origin. He was killed immediately by security men. Aziz escaped with slight wounds.

The incident appeared likely to fore-shadow a deterioration in Baghdad's already frosty relations with the revolutionary government in Tehran, Arab diplomatic sources said.

Aziz, who ranks fourth in the Iraqi political hierarchy and is a member of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), was taken to hospital but released after treatment for superficial wounds.

Last month the Baghdad government announced the execution of an Iraqi accused of stirring up internal trouble on behalf of the Iranian leadership. He was convicted of opening fire on a religious procession in the Muslim holy city of Kerbela last November, killing four persons.



KABUL: With the frozen mountainscape as a backdrop, Soviet armor and trucks roll down this highway out of Kabul. In the city center, commercial life was reported to be returning to normal.

**Meets Mrs. Gandhi today****Ghali starts visit to India**

NEW DELHI, April 2 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat's special envoy, Boutros Ghali, arrived Wednesday for a three-day official visit and said Egypt favors action within the framework of the nonaligned movement to resolve the African problem.

Ghali, who arrived from Kathmandu, said the Egyptian government favored the political independence of Afghanistan and wanted its territorial integrity observed.

"I am looking forward to a very good exchange of views while here," Ghali told reporters.

He said he was carrying a written message from Sadat for Premier Indira Gandhi whom he will see Thursday.

Ghali, minister of state for foreign affairs, was due to have discussions later Wednesday with External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao.

Ghali, whose visit closely follows that of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat, said he would give Indian leaders an account of what Egypt had

done to help Palestinians in their fight for self-determination.

He said he would go soon to Washington with Sadat to give new momentum to talks on the future of the Palestinians.

In Kathmandu, Ghali met Nepal's King Birendra, Premier Surya Bahadur Thapa and Foreign Minister K.B. Shahi.

He discussed the supply of crude oil to Nepal, the Middle East situation and "we agreed on the necessity for foreign troops to withdraw from Afghanistan" according to a joint statement by the Egyptian and Nepalese foreign ministers.

Ghali told a news conference he did not think the presence of the deposed Shah would result in any destabilization in Egypt.

He claimed that both the Egyptian parliament and the public favored the Shah's presence in Egypt.

"When the Shah was in power, everybody was very pleased to have him as a friend. When he lost power, everyone forgot the old friendship," he said.



Boutros Ghali

**Hassan, Pope mull Jerusalem**

PARIS, April 2 (R) — King Hassan II of Morocco left here Wednesday for talks with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican on the future of Jerusalem, Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta said.

King Hassan, who has been visiting France since March 23, discussed the Jerusalem issue with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing during his stay here.

Last month, Hassan presided over a meeting of the Islamic conference's committee for Jerusalem in Marrakesh.

The meeting, attended by the foreign ministers of Muslim countries, welcomed Giscard's call for recognition of the Palestinian right to self-determination and occupation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Middle East peace negotiations.

King Hassan was due back in Paris Wednesday night.

**Chadli confers with Qaddafi**

TUNIS, April 2 (AFP) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi met Tuesday night in Tripoli, Libyan radio said in a broadcast.

Chadli, finishing a Middle East tour, was arriving here Wednesday for a brief work visit and his first meeting with Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba.

Observers here said their talks would cover the effect of the war in the Western Sahara, North Africa, as well as bilateral relations and the Arab world.

**Arab League chief in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, April 2 (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Cheddi Kleibi arrived Baghdad Tuesday night for a few days visit, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

INA quoted him as saying he would discuss with Iraqi officials the Iraqi national charter which was made by President Saddam Hussein and called for the organizing of relations among Arab countries.

**Tiberias explosion claimed by command**

DAMASCUS, April 2 (R) — Palestinian commandos said here Tuesday night they destroyed a car in an Israeli parking lot in Tiberias early Tuesday with a time bomb.

The Palestine news agency Wafa quoted commando spokesman as saying that blast caused serious damage to other cars.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Consular team of the Pakistan Embassy, Jeddah, will be visiting Al-Khobar in the first half of April, 1980 and Riyadh in the second half. They will work in the Pakistan Community Schools.

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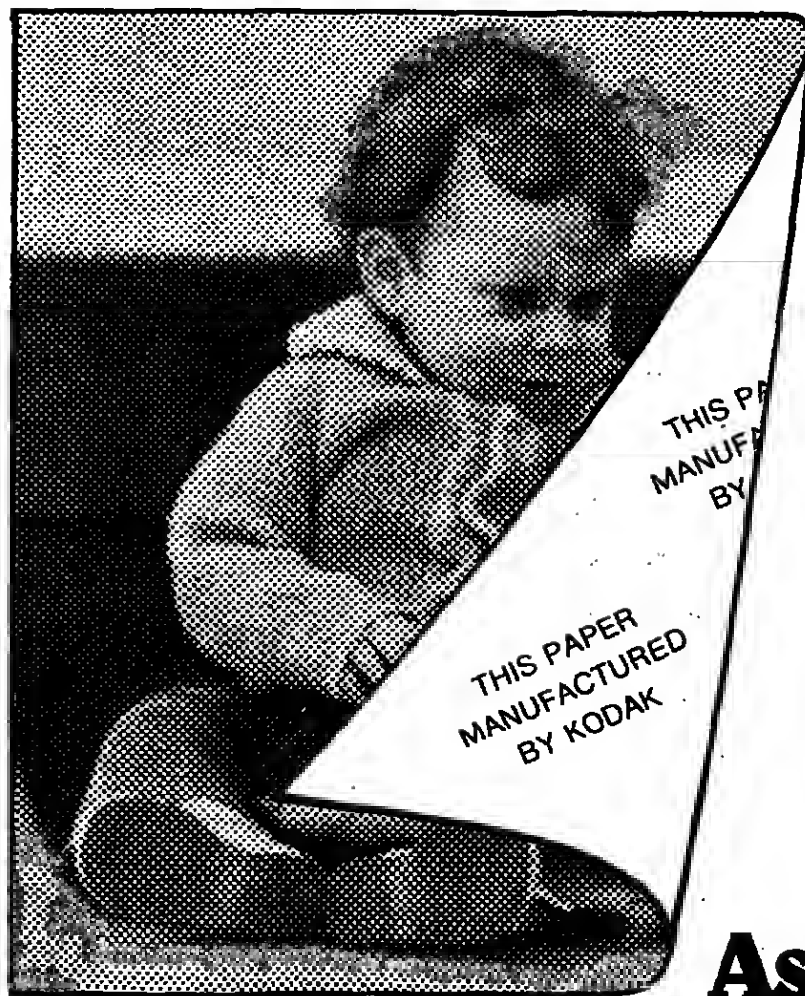
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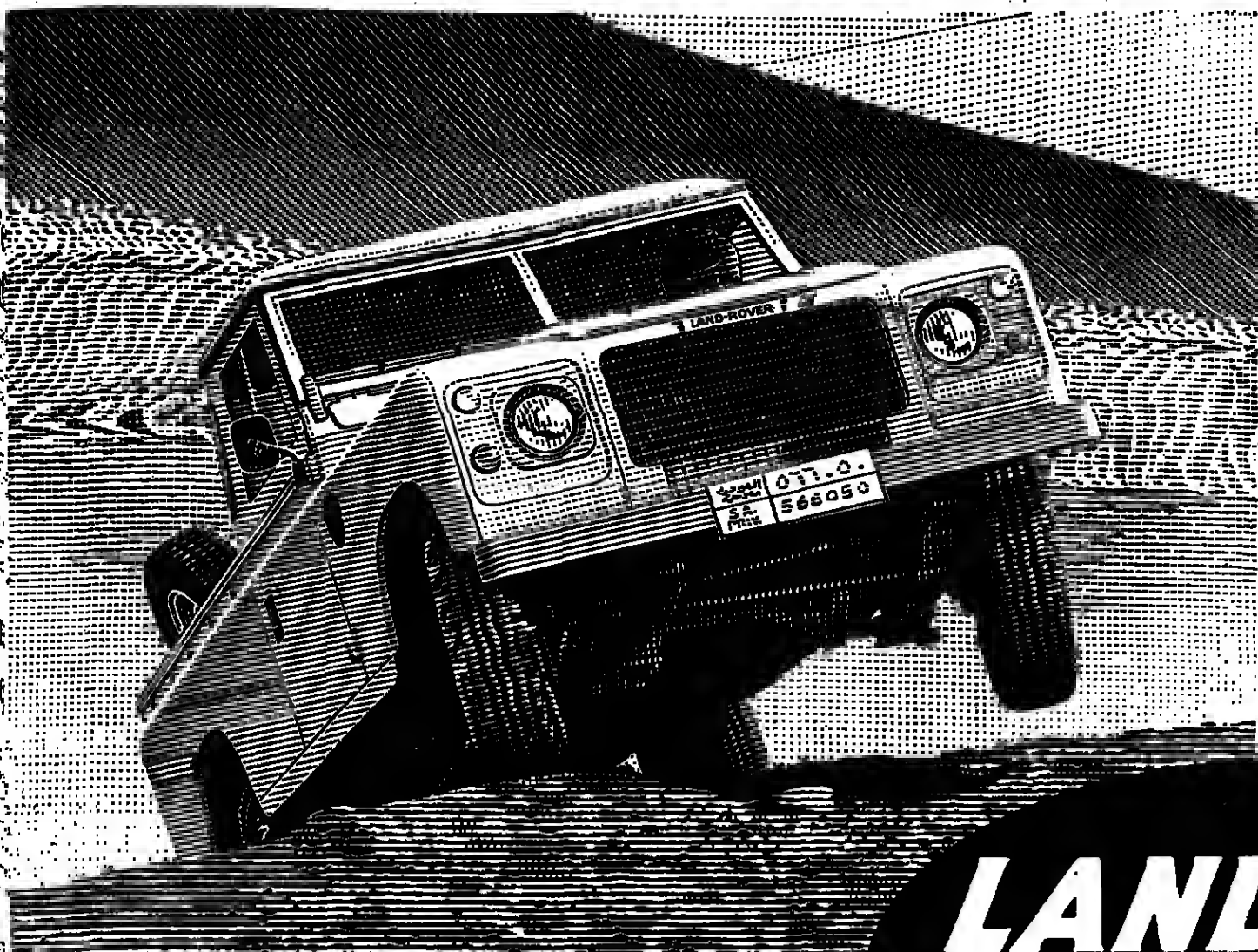
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## U.S. OBSTRUCTIONISM

America's insistence that it will use its veto against the resolution to be placed by the nonaligned states before the U.N. Security Council, in which the political rights of the Palestinian people are at last unambiguously recognized, means that that body will not be able to meet this long-standing demand. America's expected action will cause a thoroughly dangerous impasse. The Palestinians and the Arab world as a whole, as well as the vast majority of the international community, will note carefully America's obstructionism, its persistence in opposing any movement toward a just resolution to the problem of Palestine.

The Americans have gone further than merely declaring their opposition. They are at the moment pressurizing their European allies against supporting the nonaligned resolution, as well as against starting their long awaited, independent initiative for a Middle East settlement. U.S. Secretary of State Vance made no secret of this. He said that America has called on its allies to avoid taking any steps which might harm the prospects of the ongoing "Palestinian autonomy" talks between Israel and Egypt.

The obtuseness of America's logic which is evidenced by this is to all but itself. The Europeans have not thought of their initiative except as a way out of the impasse which the Camp David approach to a settlement has reached. The Europeans realize the danger of the restrictive and unjust formulas worked at Camp David for the peace of the Middle East and the international community as a whole. Their suspicions on this were more than amply justified, as Israel went on in its attempts to absorb the occupied territories, and as Egypt abandoned one position after another, and as America did nothing to persuade the Israelis to moderate their policies.

There is no secret in America's stand. This abetting of Israeli expansionism and obstruction to Palestinian hopes have nothing behind them but cheap electioneering-politics. A rattled incumbent wants to avoid failure to be reelected, and will do his cynical best to outdo all others in backing Israel's greed.

## CARTER'S DISASTERS

The U.S. administration, and President Carter himself as he fights his reelection battle, seem to be dogged by ill luck to such a degree that one wonders if it can all be chalked to mismanagement or carelessness. It is as if the series of errors to which Carter and his administration have fallen into were contrived. It is as if he and it were pushed into these disasters rather simply fallen into them.

The ineptitude of the administration, or the evil genius placing these pitfalls before its blundering feet, have almost accomplished the impossible — Senator Kennedy was on the verge of bidding farewell to his chances this time round when the disaster of the retracted United Nations vote struck, handing him the Jewish vote on a platter, and enabling him to score a convincing win in New York. For Carter, there is a distinct possibility now that the New York result is a prelude for further electoral setbacks.

The United Nations fiasco awaits a convincing explanation. It is well-nigh impossible that Carter, with his famous "electoral sixth sense," could voluntarily commit an error of this magnitude. Has he badly, even mischievously, advised? But no sooner had the voters began to forget that story than another one, even more mysterious, appeared, to keep that particular pot on the boil.

This was the story of the supposed letter to Khomeini, sent by Carter through the Swiss. The welter of denials and counter-denials, qualifications and amplifications that emanated from the White House when the Iranians made the affair public has ensured that the truth of the matter is well and truly, perhaps irretrievably lost.



## Adding to Soviet energy problems

By Gloria Duffy

**WASHINGTON** — Sovietologists have been reminding Americans that the Soviet Union faces an energy crunch. The invasion of Afghanistan struck in the midst of instability in the entire oil-producing Gulf region. Today, as never before, as the Russians consider their options in the face of unpredictable events and uncertain United States policy in the Gulf, the allure of external energy supplies could play a part in Kremlin decisions. From this it follows that the more serious the Soviet domestic-energy situation becomes, the more heavily covetousness of Gulf oil is likely to weigh in Soviet calculations.

There have been two key Soviet responses to declining domestic fossil-fuel growth rates: the attraction of Western technological assistance to exploit the Siberian oil fields, and a crash program on nuclear power. In both spheres, American policies promise to make Soviet difficulties far more acute. Serious thought should be given here to whether America strategies that intensify Soviet energy problems might not prove counterproductive in trying to keep the Russians out of the Gulf. In December 1977, the Soviet leadership inaugurated a crash program of exploring and developing major new oil fields in western Siberia. The decision

produced a buying spree in America. The Russians snapped up not only drill bits and pipe but also sophisticated Arctic drilling equipment such as submersible rigs and seismic recording devices. In January 1979, intent upon encouraging the Russians to remain oil exporters, the administration freed from strategic embargo more than 50 licenses to export energy-related technology to the Soviet Union. The move was never wholly popular, particularly in the National Security Council.

One of President Jimmy Carter's first acts to protest the invasion of Afghanistan was to slam the door on the transfer of technology, including many of these items. Without Western equipment, it is likely that the Russians would be unable to stop slippage in oil production, and this would lead to a decline in the rate of output in about two years. In the long run, even if the Russians introduced every possible measure of conservation and of substituting one form of energy for another, they could not hope to boost production enough to resuscitate economic growth rates for a decade, if then.

The Soviet Union places great faith in its nuclear power program. Freedom from Western-style public opposition has allowed planners to move with conventional nuclear reactors toward a more efficient nuclear energy economy based upon

plutonium-fueled fast-breeder reactors. Yet the three operating breeders have been a source of frustration. The efficiency of a breeder reactor depends on the shortness of the doubling time of its plutonium fuel: the time necessary for new fuel generated through breeding to replace the fuel consumed by the reactor.

Soviet breeders have not come down below twice the doubling time, of which they are supposedly capable, because the reactors have had to run on highly enriched uranium instead of plutonium fuel. The breeder program, it seems, has among other problems been beset by a plutonium shortage. Why? Because the ministry of medium machine building, as it is euphemistically called, has swayed over plutonium for nuclear bombs and reactors. Since 1975, the military has added more than 3,000 warheads to the nuclear force, taking priority in claiming plutonium supplies over the nuclear power bureaucracy.

A leading nuclear power official, Nikolai Dolzhal of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, expressed an interesting thought upon the signing of the SALT II treaty last year: "The signing in Vienna of the strategic offensive arms limitation treaty and other documents between the USSR and the United States opens up real opportunities for reduc-

ing the production of nuclear weapons. And means that the country's nuclear resources can be used for peaceful purposes on an immeasurably greater scale."

The U.S. government's national intelligence estimate calculates that without SALT II, the Soviet Union may deploy 5,000 or more warheads through the 1980s. Even if the U.S. and Soviet Union at by specific SALT II provisions without the treaty a period of heightened military competition, the Soviet Union probably would produce and stockpile the plutonium warheads anyway. The Soviet military will continue to drain the nuclear program of its fuel, thus crippling the country's nuclear economy.

Cutting off technology exports may have been necessary remonstrance against the invasion of Afghanistan. Shelving SALT II has been politically unavoidable. But policies interact in odd ways. Short-term solutions can exacerbate long-term problems. Rendering the Soviet energy problem less acute will be a matter of national interest rather than altruism as long as America itself needs Gulf oil. By going out of its way to exacerbate Soviet fuel problems, America could be sealing its own energy fate, as well as that of Western Europe and Japan. —(NYT)

## French set for more economic sacrifices

By Paul Webster

**PARIS** — The French have been told to prepare for more economic sacrifices after suffering more than three years of carefully planned austerity.

Under Prime Minister Raymond Barre, chosen in September 1976, France has applied policies that other Western economies, including the U.S. and Britain, envy.

Public services have been cut, wages have fallen, "lame duck" industries abandoned, the currency stabilized and exports increased so much that France has overtaken Japan as the world's third biggest trader.

But after a current series of economic shocks, including the highest inflation rate for 21 years (12.2 per cent), the worst unemployment level in history and a trade deficit in the first quarter likely to be bigger than for 1979, Barre has ordered a 20 per cent cut in public services next year, squeezed credit even more and accepted a new wave of sackings.

"Obviously this is gloomy news for France," a leading banker said. "But it must be depressing abroad as well because the prime minister is a trained economist particularly admired in the United States, West Germany and Britain. He is

applying remedies that other countries are turning to. What if he's got it wrong?"

The government's own statistical department is, in fact, saying just that, and has issued a series of forecasts to support the view that Barre's single-minded concentration on austerity is leading France to an industrial breakdown.

The same argument is put forward by the Gaullists, the biggest party in the government coalition, who are desperately pressing for relaxation.

But at the Hotel Matignon, the prime minister's official residence, the atmosphere is completely different. Barre, who has no party ties, remains overwhelmingly confident that the French economy has reached the last low point and that France will overtake West Germany by the end of the decade.

Having just shrugged off the 20th parliamentary no confidence debate on his economic policy, Barre also dismisses as irrelevant the latest economic statistics — a monthly inflation of 1.9 per cent, 1.5 million unemployed and a trade deficit for January and February almost as big as for the whole of last year.

He claims "a cast-iron alibi" for the setbacks — increased oil import prices which will be offset by new sacrifices at home before July. Then France will be set to reap the rewards of his policies, par-

ticularly as the dependence on oil is being rapidly reduced by nuclear power which will be equivalent in energy terms to British North Sea oil by 1985.

"I was brought in to clean up the French economy," he said. "That is exactly what I have done."

Sweeping statements like that are part of Barre's personality. He is still more like the Sorbonne economics professor who wrote the standard textbook for French universities — "Economic Policy" — than the politician who has had to face opinion polls making him the most unpopular prime minister in the Fifth Republic's 22 years.

His confidence is based on the booming profits of French industry, which two years ago were released from government price controls. The most spectacular has been that of the car firm Peugeot-Citroen, whose profits jumped 130 per cent in a year, while company after company has been returning profit rises averaging 50 per cent. Many of them were on the verge of bankruptcy when the government lifted price controls.

In the meantime, non-paying industries have been savagely cut back or dismantled. The most important was steel where 50,000 jobs were sacrificed. But equally significant was government wage restraint which resulted in real incomes falling

by up to 2 per cent last year while unemployment rose 10 per cent.

The weakness of the French Socialist Communist opposition and the paralysis of the trade union movement since the general election defeat in March 1978 has played into Barre's hands. But the prime minister makes it clear that no political consideration enters his fundamental economic planning.

"My aim was to control inflation and reinforce the value of the franc," Barre said. "That is still aim."

The government's statistical department which Barre accuses of spreading a "sinister atmosphere" believes that the prime minister will go even further — that he will try to revalue the franc to offset price increases and the rising dollar and that France will price itself out of export markets. He replies pointing out that countries with a strong currency, particularly West Germany — have the healthiest economies.

From the Elysee Palace, there is no indication that President Giscard will ease up on more austerity that could put half a million more French people out of work by the end of the year and bite even harder during the presidential campaign in a year time. —(OFFS)

## saudi press review

In its lead story Wednesday, *Al Medina* reported the signing of an agreement with Japan for construction of the Jubail industrial complex at a cost of nearly \$125.3 billion. *Al Jazirah* led with the Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani's reaffirmation that the oil-producing countries desired the realization of world peace. In a lead story, *Al Riyadh* quoted the Canadian ambassador to the Kingdom as saying his country is re-assessing its Middle Eastern policy in view of its increased dependence on Arab oil. *Al Nadwa* said in its lead that there were signs of a detente in the U.S.-Iranian crisis. *Okaz* played as its lead PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's refusal to accept an amendment to Security Council resolution 242, and his demand for a new resolution recognizing the right of the Palestinian people. *Al Yom* highlighted the powerful activities of Islamic associations in Egypt, and reported the Egyptian opposition party declaring that asylum granted to the former Shah of Iran by President Sadat was against the Egyptian Constitution.

The newspapers frontpaged the Security Council's expected meeting Wednesday to discuss Palestinian rights, and the Information Minister's reaffirmation that the oil-producing states were striving for global prosperity. In a front-page story, *Al Yom* reported the Iranian Revolutionary Council's taking over the U.S. hostages and President Carter's postponement of sanctions against Iran. *Al Jazirah* gave front-page highlight to the PLO's U.N. representative Zaidi Tarazi saying that the suspension of Israel's membership of the U.N. would be a fitting reply to its challenges. *Al Riyadh* gave front-page prominence to a statement by the Chinese ambassador to the Kingdom that the Soviets will stay in Afghanistan unless the free world moves to stop its aggressive actions. In one front-page story, *Okaz* quoted Saudi Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani as saying that the oil reserves will meet the world's requirements for another 30 years if used at the present rate of consumption. In another, it highlighted Kuwait's announcement of a 25 per cent cut in its production.

In an editorial on the Jubail industrial complex, *Al Medina* said this project represents the coun-

try's industrial aspirations and will be one of the principal producers of petrochemical materials in the Kingdom. It said the setting up of this complex symbolizes the country's ambitions to keep pace with the industrial world. This ambition goes parallel with the state's prudent policy in the area of marketing and sale of petroleum at a price that does not harm the interests of both industrial and the emerging nations, it said.

The paper said that since the Kingdom is in need of international expertise in the process of its development, it strives to participate with friends who possess the expertise, on the basis of capital investment and being ready for enjoying the fruits of labor or bearing the losses. Japan's collaboration in the setting up of the Jubail complex proves that the Japanese have now shifted from mere words of promises to a course of action.

Dealing with the human projects being undertaken by the Islamic Charitable Society, *Al Jazirah* said the society represents a bright image of the state which has based all its actions on the teachings of Islam. Ever since the

society was set up, it had declared its sublime objectives in serving the homeland, its people and Muslims in general, said the paper, adding that it has provided great hopes for the down-trodden, the poor and the sick who benefit from the society. The paper urged philanthropists to take an active

part in the society's ambitious projects, as good and charitable work was the correction definition of a true believer.

*Okaz* dwelled on attempts to amend Security Council resolution 242, and said it has become necessary for the world body to

issue a fresh resolution that crystallizes its stance on Palestinian rights. The Palestinian refusal to accept any amendment was in conformity with the present stage, which the Palestinian entity has assumed a basic dimension in any effort toward stabilizing the situation in the Middle East, it said.



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## Community news

By Staff Writers

**JEDDAH** — The past week was one of feverish activity with the opening of a number of exhibitions and cultural functions organized in the City under the auspices of various bodies. Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor of Mecca inaugurated the Al Khairiyah Welfare Society Bazaar last Wednesday. He then opened the French Home furnishings Exhibition at the Expo Center on Saturday. This exhibition is to continue through April 4.

Princess Hassa bint Khaled meanwhile opened the Pakistan Exhibition cum Bazaar last Wednesday under the auspices of the Faisaliyah Women's Welfare Society. The same day, Princess Lulua bint Faisal visited the Khairiyah Bazaar which was also attended by Mrs. Farsi, the wife of the Jeddah Mayor.

Chita Wilcox gave a dinner last Thursday to say goodbye to Kenton Ponsonby of the Nina Ricci establishment. The function was attended by a large number of people including the ambassadors of Italy and Belgium and their wives. Kenton hopes to return to the Kingdom in a few months in another assignment.

Continental School parents saw a demonstration of movement and technique by the School Drama Group on Saturday evening. Mrs. Osborne, the Drama teacher, directed and explained the various skits which were spontaneously performed by the children without rehearsal. It was an informative and enjoyable evening for the parents who saw at first and the extracurricular activities of the school.

The play *Equus*, written by Peter Shaffer and directed by David Frontin, will be staged at the British embassy April 7 to 10.

A son was born in Jeddah to Catherine Jenkinson, wife of Eric J., who is a commercial officer at the British embassy. The boy is called Michael James.

Clinton Lloyd Hunt III, of Scarsdale, New York, is visiting his cousin, James Edgar, who is staying in Saudi Arabia for a year while working on a book about the kingdom. Mr. Hunt's family, who are also of the Plains, Virginia, is interested in studying the blood-

lines of Arabian horse. His Randolph Stud is well known in racing and hunting circles in America.

Miss Elizabeth Charlotte Adams, of Quincy, Massachusetts, is leaving Jeddah to marry Mr. John Scribner Phipps of New York. The wedding is to take place at the East 72nd Street apartment of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Southwold Phipps. Miss Adams attended the Madeira School in Washington D.C. and Bryn Mawr College. Mr. Phipps graduated from Groton and Harvard and will enter his father's law firm in Manhattan after a honeymoon in the Far East.

**DHAHRAN** — Aramcoons were lucky to the "Stars on Ice," a family entertainment featuring 12 professional ice skaters. It is the first ice show to appear here. In the hot Dharan weather, it was like a breath of fresh, cool air to see the performers gliding on their own "ice": squares that look together like a giant jigsaw puzzle.

Last week was Tree-Planting Week in the Eastern Province, a movement organized by the Youth Welfare League. About 6000 trees were planted, which hopefully will help make the area one of the greener ones in the kingdom.

Spring vacation time is here with the 3000 students of the S.A.I.S. on holiday and many of their teachers off to New Delhi for the Near East South Asia education conference. After the three-day conference, many of the Dharan teachers will be travelling through the subcontinent; Kashmir and Nepal are two of the favorite locations.

Experimental theater came to Dharan with the Dharan Theater Group's recent production of two one-act plays, *Impromptu* by Tad Mosel, and *The Waiting Room* by John Bowen. Both are examples of "theater in the round" where the audience surrounds the actors. Directed by newcomers Mike Vantier and George MacGillivray, actors Sharon Ehrbridge, Sally Keeler, Robert Royner, Pat Pollock, Los Robinson, Barbara Jessop, and Dennis Goldsmith gave convincing performances.

## A new season at Jeddah Radio

By Jacqueline Elmaleh

**JEDDAH** — The English Service of Radio Jeddah has begun its new season. Looking ahead at the next four months there is a freshly revised format and several new programs.

The station which has two transmissions daily, opens at two for afternoon programming, then again at nine o'clock for an evening of entertainment along the lines of its prototype the BBC. But although style of presentation may be familiar to most ears, the content is somewhat unusual.

As a department of the Ministry of Information, the English Service Radio of Jeddah lays emphasis on Islamic themes such as religious guidance, Muslim history and culture, but there is also a wider spectrum of listening including music and topical subject matter.

One daytime transmission there is a return of such long-standing programs as "Youth Welfare" with the latest on sports in the Kingdom, and "Radio Magazine" presented by two veteran Saudi women employees of the broadcasting service. Hanan Awad and Samar Fatani, "Magazine" covers local news

events accompanied by popular music.

Running for its second season is Shoa'a Rashed's "Key to their success." Many know Ms. Rashed for her presentation of the English news on national television. She has also worked with Radio Jeddah for ten years setting an example, with her professional performance and attitude, for many other less seasoned broadcasters. In "Key to Their Success" Ms. Rashed conducts in-depth interviews with eminent Saudis.

Another top-notch program to be retained is the historical production, "Life of the Prophet."

New to daytime programming however, and also a new step for the English service of Radio Jeddah, is drama. Two types of plays are being presented this season, Islamic and world classics. The first is "The Majesty of Islam," composed by Ahmed Anani, the head of translation in the Royal Court of Qatar. Anani's scripts have presented quite a challenge to the British thespians that are making their debut with Radio Jeddah. The company formed of theater enthusiasts from the familiar British Embassy circle, is headed by Mr. Timothy King and includes his wife Adrienne, Clifford Overton and Frank Jones.

Although the Islamic scripts have posed a bit of a problem to the company, they are apparently no novices to classical theater and have shown considerable expertise in rendering the first two production of "World Classics" which is being presented on Thursday evenings. The beginning play to run is "Macbeth" with one edition already performed.

Preparing the scripts for "World Classics" is Dr. Abdullah Hafez, Professor of Drama at King Abdul Aziz University. Professor Hafez has delighted Radio Jeddah listeners with his previous contributions, in particular "Companions of the Prophet," "Companions," which contains much dialogue, is the engaging saga of the early years of Islam and Arabia when deeds were great and self-interest of a minimum.

Night programming sees the continuation of the ever popular twice-weekly "Evening Show" which has been scheduled for an hour earlier this season, moving up to 9:15. In the same time slot on Mondays and Wednesdays is the new "Jeddah Highlights" which is bound to be a success because of the very nature of the program. Pianist-broadcaster Caroline Haffner of the French section of European

services and Adrienne King of the British Embassy will be covering the cultural and community activities of Jeddah.

For those interested in learning Arabic there will be a repetition of "Arabic By Radio" on Sunday evenings, meanwhile, the Director of the English Service, Yusuf Salah will be keeping up his daily commentary, the Saudi Chronicle, which outlines the Kingdom's policy on local and international issues.

In line with the station's varied programs there will be no lack of music this season. The schedule features symphony, jazz, latin and Afro-American. There is also "The Arabic Song" an attempt to explain Arab music and lyrics to the Western listener.

Winding down each evening is "A Rendezvous With Dreams," soft music and poetry interpreted by the velvet voices of the cream of Radio Jeddah's English-speaking announcers.

Radio Jeddah transmits daily on medium wave at a frequency of 14.85 kilohertz in the 202 metre band, on short wave at a frequency of 11:855 megahertz in the 25 meter band, and an FM at 98 megahertz in the 3.2 m. band.

The news in English is presented at 3:00 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.

## News: around the clock and around the world

By Jeff Prugh

The Los Angeles Times

**ATLANTA** — Live from Washington, Daniel Schorr delivers a commentary on the Arabian Gulf while a lower corner of the television screen shows a hurricane lashing a Florida resort.

Then the picture cuts to a computerized newsroom in Atlanta, where a turntable set is equipped for a national weather forecast, interviews, and a talk show with questions from a studio audience.

All day the news never stops: a live analysis on Wall Street trading, footage on sporting events, commentaries by feminists, and politicians and pundits on the 1980 campaign trail.

Meet the new kid on the block — a 24-hour television news format, via satellite, called Cable News Network, a "newspaper of the air."

It is still learning its ABCs — as well as its NBC's and CBS's. But when it begins operating on June 1, it will be riding what its creators perceive as the wave of the future. Once only a gleam in the eye of its founder, Atlanta entrepreneur R.E. (Ted) Turner, 41, CNN now is an embryo that some media watchers think will revolutionize the industry and significantly change the television-viewing habits of millions of Americans.

"It's a fascinating concept," Kevin Delany, director of operations for ABC News in Washington, said in an interview. "How good will the response be? I don't know, but

with all the ows "junkies" out there, there's a latent interest in news that we've never really worked out before... We're finding in our 11:30 p.m. specials on Iran (which ABC plans to continue as a late-night news show) that the more news you give people, the more they seem to want."

Or, as one CNN executive remarked, "You can be watching a movie or a special on one of the networks. Then when the commercial comes on, you can switch to our network for three minutes or more and catch up on the news — even if it's 3 or 6 in the morning."

Already Turner's network has exceeded expectations by signing up cable systems that serve nearly 3 million subscribers (at 15 cents a month per home). And it has signed a major advertiser, Bristol-Myers, to a \$25 million, 10-year contract, and is negotiating with several other major corporations.

With a starting budget of \$25 million a year, Turner has signed up Schorr, Bill MacPhail (as a CBS sports executive he introduced the instant replay), former Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon (he will be a business commentator), psychologist Joyce Brothers, political observer Richard Reeves, financial analyst Dan Dorfman, columnist Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, and Bella Abzug and Phyllis Schlafly to comment on women's issues.

Reese Schonfeld, the former managing director of the Independent Television Network Association, will be the president of CNN. Others hired as executives are Jim Kitchell, who won an Emmy for his NBC coverage of the Apollo 11 moon landing;

Burton Reinhardt, a former managing editor of Fox Movietone News, and Sam Zeiman, a former producer for CBS.

And these executives, who have been deluged with 4,000 job applications, are busy hiring editors, reporters, technical crews and clerks to fill about 100 positions at the Atlanta headquarters (which also will be a Southeast news bureau), plus 150 more in bureaus in Washington, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Dallas.

"So many of our people have come from the three networks and television stations where they felt frustrated by what they couldn't do and were inspired by what they dreamed about doing," Jim Rutledge, CNN's assignment editor, said. "We're all excited about the frontier spirit, about doing something that's never been done before."

Turner has resolved, at least temporarily, some potential complications created when RCA's Satcom-3 satellite, which was to carry Cable News Network on one of its transponders, or channels, mysteriously disappeared in space Dec. 10, only four days after it had been launched.

RCA consented to a decree issued in federal district court in Atlanta last Wednesday to provide transponder space to CNN on RCA's Satcom-1 satellite, cable TV's original satellite. The court order will enable Turner to start CNN on June 1 as scheduled.

"Barring satellite problems in the future, we won't be signing off until the world ends," Turner said good-naturedly at a news conference last Tuesday. "And... we will cover it live. That will be our last event... We'll play

the National Anthem one time."

The order will permit Turner to occupy space on Satcom-1 for 180 days. In the meantime, Turner will be in court in an effort to gain permanent space.

(Satellites, nicknamed "birds," orbit 22,300 miles above the equator and are cable television's main purveyors. Each carries 24 transponders, or channels, which are contracted for by sub-cable programmers as Turner, Home Box Office and the National Christian Network.

(These programmers' signals are beamed in space to their respective satellite channels, which, in turn, beam them back to the white dish-shaped antennas called "earth stations" of hundreds of cable systems. Those "dishes" then project cable TV programs along cables to television sets of the estimated 16 million American households that have subscribed so far to the services.)

Some insiders see Turner as blazing a path for the major networks — each with worldwide news bureaus already in place — to start their own 24-hour cable news channels.

"It's possible, I guess, but it's not likely that cable television would sell the networks any satellite space," Turner said, pacing his office floor. "Remember, the three networks have tried to strangle cable TV every step of the way..."

CNN is taking shape in the sprawling basement of an antebellum-style Atlanta country club that Turner bought for \$8 million, and which will house his corporate headquarters and broadcasting operations.

## Announcement

The procedure for the attestation of visas by the Labour Wing of the Embassy of Pakistan is explained below for the convenience of all concerned.

There are two types of visas which are attested by the Wing:

- 1) **INDIVIDUAL VISA (WHICH IS LIMITED UP TO FIVE PERSONS):** Procedure for which is that the following documents are essential:
  - a) TAZKRA MARAJEA in original alongwith photo copy. (Original will be returned and copy retained for record).
  - b) Individual Agreement in Arabic and English duly attested by Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Two copies — one copy will be retained for record).
  - c) Letter of authority from Kafel if he is not coming himself.
- 2) **GROUP VISAS (MORE THAN FIVE PERSONS):**
  - a) TAZKRA MARAJEA in original alongwith a photo copy. (Original will be returned and a copy retained for record).
  - b) Power of Attorney in the name of an Agent who should have valid licence in Pakistan duly attested by Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (Two copies — one will be retained for record).
  - c) Demand letter explaining in details the terms and conditions of service duly attested by Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, indicating commission of the agent. (Two copies — one will be retained for record).
  - d) Letter of authority from the employer who has executed the Power of Authority — if he is not coming himself.
  - e) No letter of authority is needed if an Agent with a valid licence in Pakistan brings these papers personally.

People reporting for attestation of these visas are requested to come with these documents complete in all respects for speedy disposal. Non-compliance of any of the above instructions would result in undue delay. The timings have been fixed from 0900-1100 hours on all working days except THURSDAYS — FRIDAYS and other closed holidays. People are requested to strictly observe the timings.

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## Kiosk Goings on about town

Jeddah

Wednesday, April 3

The Saudi Natural History Society will hold its monthly meeting at the USGS compound off Medina Road, near Spitzer's Restaurant, at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Ian McClaren will speak on "A View of Saudi Arabia." The lecture will be preceded by a film on the marine life of the Red Sea by Hagen Schmidt.

Monday, April 10

The Natural History Society is planning a trip to the crater, 250 kilometers northeast of Taif for members only. All interested are required to bring a four-wheel drive vehicle in good condition. The travelers are to meet at 5:45 a.m. (promptly) on the Mecca-bound lane at the junction with Palestine Road (east).

Riyadh

Thursday, April 3 through Wednesday, April 9  
A Swiss Alps Festival is to be held at the Khozama and Atallah House hotels each evening at 8:00 p.m.

Dharan

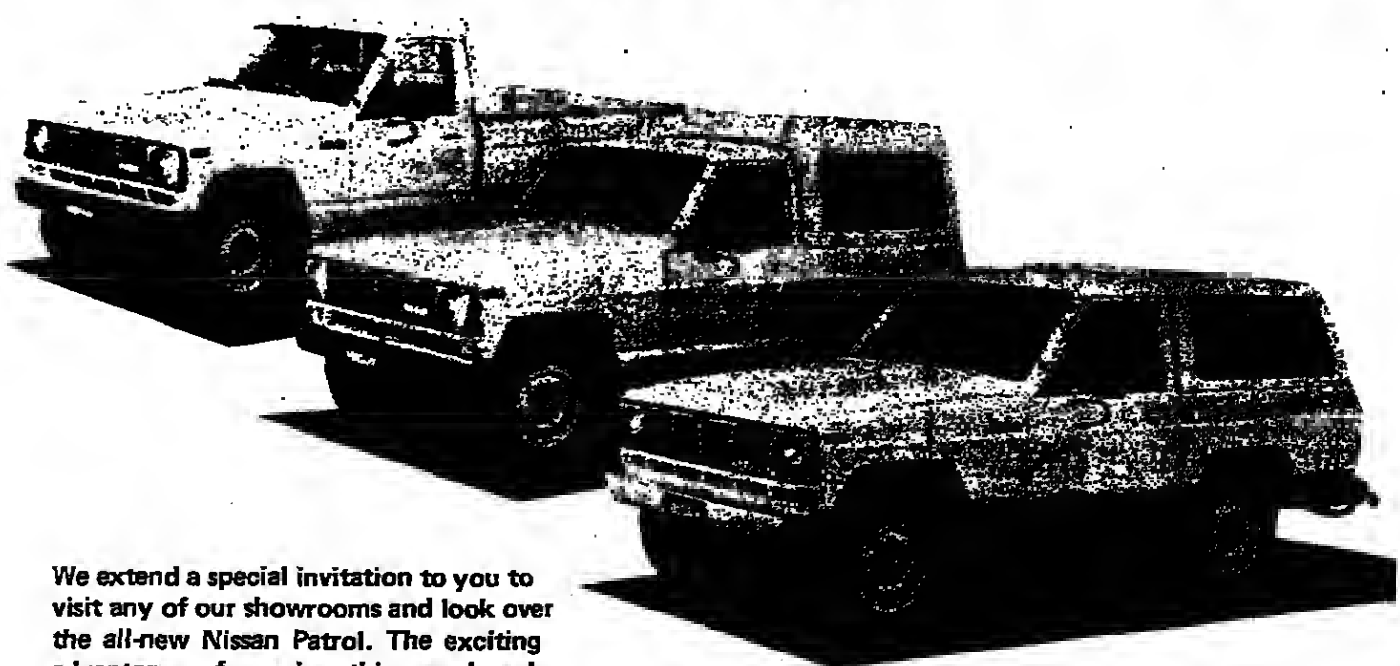
Monday, April 7 through Tuesday, April 8  
Hangar Flyers International sponsors a ground school with a private pilot course and instrument pilot course. Weekly meetings for 3 months, beginning this Monday and Tuesday 7-8 p.m. For further information about place and enrollment, telephone David McNeill at 8788040.

Tuesday, April 8 through Thursday, April 10  
J.B. Priestley's "An Inspector Calls," presented by the Dharan Theater Group, 7:30 p.m. at the Dharan Theater next to the Aramco Snack Bar. Open to the public. Adults SR10. Children SR5.

Monday, April 7

The Jeddah Fine Arts Society is holding a meeting for all those who wish to participate in the May exhibition. The meeting will be at the Redec Plaza Exhibition Hall at 7:30 p.m.

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# Carter, Reagan take Wisconsin

**Brown abandons presidential race; Kennedy still in**

MILWAUKEE, April 2 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter won the Wisconsin and Kansas presidential primary elections Tuesday night in twin landslides that hurried Senator Edward Kennedy's comeback bid and eliminated California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. as a candidate.

Ronald Reagan won a close Republican contest in Wisconsin over former U.N. Ambassador George Bush and Representative John B. Anderson of Illinois. Reagan also captured Kansas in a runaway and reinforced his command of the Republican race. Reagan said in Los Angeles that he was delighted with the outcome. He said he was still not claiming a lock on the nomination, but added, "It does make for a substantial lead."

The former California governor was gaining 48 nominating votes in the two primaries to 11 for Anderson and 3 for Bush. For the year, Reagan has won 340 Republican delegates, Bush 74, Anderson 57. It will take 998 to gain the Republican nomination.

Carter was claiming 71 delegates to push past the half-way mark in his quest for a nominating majority. Kennedy has for 40. For the year, Carter has accumulated 852 delegates of the 1,666 needed to win the Democratic nomination. Kennedy has 427.

Kennedy's campaign manager, Stephen Smith, conceded the two primaries to Carter, then added, "I think we will have a strong win" in the April 22 Pennsylvania primary. Brown, a far-back third in Wisconsin's Democratic contest, said he was ending his campaign.

"It is obvious that the voters have spoken and have given their verdict on my 1980 campaign, and that means that this will be the last contest in which I will participate in 1980," Brown told his supporters in Mil-



President Carter



Ronald Reagan

## The Figures

NEW YORK, April 2 (AP) — The following table gives the current breakdown by candidate preference of delegates already selected or allocated to attend the U.S. Democratic and Republican nominating conventions.

Democratic	Republican
Brown	1.0
Carter	852.3
Kennedy	427.1
Uncommitted	16.6
Needed to nominate	1,666
Total delegate votes	3,531
Chosen thus far	1,297
Yet to be chosen	2,234
Rep/DEM	
Anderson	57
Bush	74
Cole	4

waukee.

Kennedy defeated Carter last Tuesday in New York and Connecticut, but an Associated Press-NBC News poll in Wisconsin showed the trend had turned the president's way among voters who made their decisions at the last minute.

It appeared that Carter had gained votes with his election-day reports of possible progress towards freedom for the 53 Ameri-

The Democratic figures are based on delegate allocations in Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Wisconsin and Puerto Rico and on preliminary allocations in Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Virginia and Wyoming.

cans held hostage in Tehran.

On the Republican side, Anderson gained the normally independent and Democratic voters he sought to buoy his showing in the open Wisconsin primary — but Reagan gained crossover support, too, from conservative Democrats.

Reagan led in five of the nine most heavily Democratic districts in Wisconsin.

Though his hopes for winning the Republican nomination faded, Anderson told supporters in Madison, "We will not give up our quest. We will not cease our efforts to say what has to be said, to do what has to be done."

In Houston, James Baker, Bush's campaign chairman, said the results in Wisconsin were "a good bit better than we had planned and better than people across the country had anticipated."

Carter entered Tuesday's primaries with 781 of the 1,666 delegates it would take to win the Democratic nomination. Kennedy had 387.

Reagan had won 295 Republican delegates, Bush 68, Anderson 46. It will take 998 to gain the nomination.

Kennedy came to Wisconsin buoyed by a pair of surprise victories over Carter in the New York and Connecticut primaries a week ago.

Brown made Wisconsin his campaign target more than a month ago, and the primary was crucial to him.

## Ruled become rulers

# Rhodesia blacks want whites' respect

SALISBURY, April 2 (AP) — Rhodesian blacks, now in control of their destiny, are pressing for drastic changes in racial attitudes of the whites who ruled them for nine decades.

"We don't want to be called monkeys or baboons in the land of our birth by people who are newcomers to Africa," said Silas Kandeja, 32, a teacher who says he has often been insulted by whites.

"But if the whites are prepared to start out afresh we'll give them a clean slate. We'll forgive, but never forget."

Black pride blossomed with the sweeping electoral victory of former guerrilla leader Robert Mugabe in February, but many of the 7 million blacks remember humiliations suffered under white minority rule.

"Only 15 years ago there were shops in Salisbury that would serve as blacks only through hatches," said Alice Gumbo, now a dressmaker. "We weren't allowed to rub shoulders with whites inside the shops. And we couldn't try clothes on in most shops either. Otherwise, the whites wouldn't buy those clothes we had tried on."

Laws segregating blacks and whites in suburbs, schools, hospitals, restaurants, hairdressing salons were all lifted by the first black prime minister, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, after he came to power in June last year.

Still, old prejudices lingered. Many whites still refer to blacks as baboons, monkeys or kaffirs — an Arab word originally meaning infidel but now regarded by blacks as one of the worst insults.

Black farm laborers, 40 per cent of the country's work force, often complain of feudal conditions as employees of 5,500 white commercial farmers who pay them less than a dollar a day, or the price of four loaves of bread.

Many of the thousands of black house servants have stories of being beaten, threatened or insulted by their white bosses who usually insist on being called sir or madam, master or miss.

"There should be a realization on the part of our white brothers that we are not an inferior race," said Leonard Zuzze, a bank clerk.

"We are, all now one nation of Zimbabwean," he added, using the name the country will bear once independence is granted from Britain on April 18.

Fifteen years ago, white Prime Minister Ian Smith led a rebellion against Britain to avoid accommodating black demands for majority rule. Last year his government gave up power in the face of a guerrilla war and more than 10 years of United Nations economic sanctions.

A bi-racial government under Muzorewa came into being, but whites still retained control of the army, police, judiciary, economy and civil administration.

"What we had was a black face at the top but a white body still running the show," said Milton Tembo, a university student. "Now we have a black face, a black body and total

black rule for the first time."

"Whatever differences whites had before with blacks they must bury them," said Josiah Chinamano, chief spokesman for former guerrilla leader Joshua Nkomo, now a cabinet minister in Mugabe's government. "They have not really changed. They must."

Many of the 1,200 whites who fled the

country each month since Muzorewa assumed office were not willing to live under black rule. Most settled in neighboring South Africa, Africa's last white-minority-ruled nation.

"We don't need them or their attitudes," said Embo. "We only want whites who are prepared to treat us as proper equals."

## 4 cleared of Mugabe murder bid

SALISBURY, April 2 (AP) — A white Rhodesian soldier and three black men have been cleared of allegations of attempting to assassinate Prime Minister Robert Mugabe before he was elected, a magistrate's court official confirmed here Wednesday.

Mugabe, elected prime minister in British-supervised elections in February, was the target of two assassination attempts in that month.

The case against the four alleged assassins, who were arrested shortly after a grenade exploded harmlessly outside Mugabe's suburban home Feb. 7, was dropped Tuesday morning, the court official said.

No reason was given.

The four men, including a white sergeant in the para-military guard force, were in custody until their release Tuesday.

Police sources said investigations were continuing in the case.

Mugabe, leader of a guerrilla army that fought the white-led mainly black security forces for the seven year war, returned to Rhodesia from exile in January to seek elections.

Mugabe claimed during the campaign that Rhodesian security forces had too much power. His supporters said the grenade attack was an example of their abuses.

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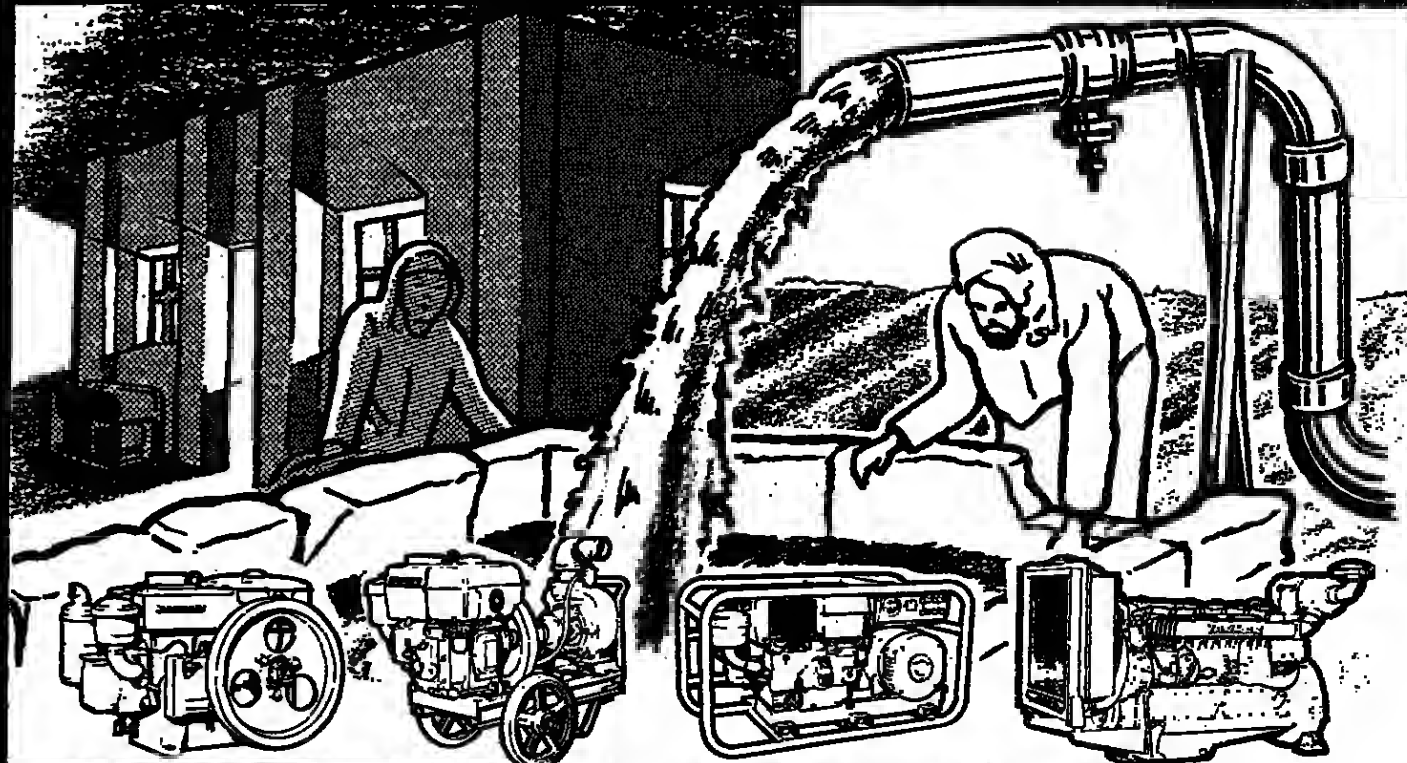
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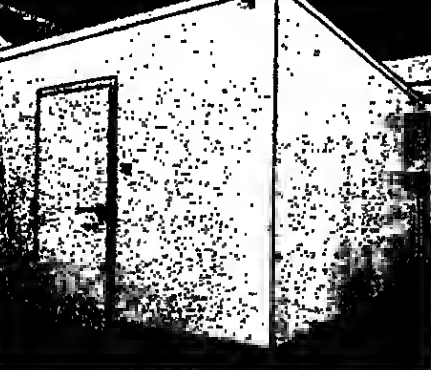
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Say they'll hold out months

## Bogota captors, government entrench

BOGOTÁ, April 2 (AP) — Both the guerrillas holding 27 hostages in the Dominican Republic's embassy and the Colombian government say they will hold out for months — "as long as the students in Tehran," said the guerrilla negotiator.

The leftists and the government scheduled their ninth negotiating session for Wednesday afternoon the 36th day of the siege. The guerrillas were to respond to proposals presented by the government Tuesday.

Reliable government sources said the proposals were: — To invite the Inter-American Human Rights Commission to Colombia to attend military trials scheduled for some 300 suspected guerrillas and to investigate allegations of torture and human rights violations. The government said Tuesday night that the invitation has already been sent.

— To transfer the trials from military to civilian courts. Removing them from under military law could lead to freedom for some of the suspects who have been in jail more than 180 days without trial.

— To invite Amnesty International, the human rights watchdog group, to observe the trials. A spokesman in London for Amnesty said it would be willing to take part in moves to free the hostages but had received no invitation.

The guerrillas of the leftist M-19 organization originally demanded that the Colombian government free 311 jailed leftists but later reduced the number to 28. A cabinet spokesman said Tuesday there was no possibility of a change in the government's stand that to free the 28 by the executive order would be unconstitutional, and their case would have to be disposed of by the courts.

The masked woman who represents the guerrillas in the negotiations told the newspaper *El Espectador* by telephone that the leftists were prepared to hold out as long as the young Iranians who have held the U.S.

embassy in Tehran and 50 American hostages for nearly five months.

The hostages in Bogota include U.S. Ambassador Diego Asencio and 18 other foreign diplomats.

The woman guerrilla confirmed an earlier report that those hostages who were not diplomats would be released this week, Easter Holy Week, "in honor of the Catholic church, the church of the oppressed," she said. But she said they would not release the church's representative among the hostages, Monsignor Angelo Acerbi, the Pope's Nuncio or Vatican ambassador to Colombia.

### Rapid transit strike

## New York workers rough it

NEW YORK, April 2 (AP) — The biggest rapid transit strike in U.S. history shut down all bus and subway lines Tuesday in New York City, but the city's 7.5 million people made the "unthinkable" workable.

For the most part, they got to work — in an expedition to Manhattan one wall street businessman described as like the British amphibious evacuation of Dunkirk in World War II — and home again.

The work stoppage by 35,000 transit

workers was compounded by a simultaneous strike by 6,200 employees of the Long Island Rail Road, which serves heavily populated suburbs of 2.7 million people.

"The unthinkable has happened and now we have to figure out how to live with the unthinkable and we will," declared Mayor Edward Koch. "Life will go on and we will do whatever has to be done."

Commuters by the tens of thousands walked, rode bicycles and skated to work. They pooled their cars and chartered buses, boats and airplanes to get to and from the island of Manhattan.

An unidentified man suffered a suspected heart attack and died while walking across the Brooklyn Bridge, apparently headed home from a day at his Manhattan office. Police said he appeared to be the first fatality that might be attributed to the transit strike.

Koch estimated 25,000 rode bicycles to their jobs in Manhattan, another 30,000 walked and 10,000 to 12,000 arrived by boat.

## Tito continues gravely ill as pneumonia fades

BELGRADE, April 2 (Agencies) — President Josip Broz Tito's doctors said Wednesday he remains gravely ill, but his pneumonia was subsiding. The daily medical bulletin said the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader was still running a high body temperature.

Tito, undergoing treatment at the clinical center in the northern city of Ljubljana, is suffering also from heart trouble, kidney failure and diabetes.

The bulletin, issued by a panel of eight doctors, said: in the past few days the general condition of health of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito has not shown essential changes.

"Pneumonia is stubbornly persisting as the result of a septic condition which persists despite appropriate therapy. Intensive treatment continues."

It was the first time that the doctors referred to a septic condition. They did not explain which part of the body was affected.

Tito's left leg was amputated on Jan. 20, following the failure of a bypass operation to ease an artery blockage, and until about two weeks ago he was losing blood in his stomach.

The president is being treated with antibiotics and an external heart pacemaker, an oxygen generator to aid breathing and a dialysis machine to take over the functions of his kidneys.

Wednesday was Tito's 83rd straight day in the Ljubljana Clinical Center, a university hospital in Slovenia which he had previously used for routine medical checkups.



AFIRE: Man flees a burning car and street fighting in San Salvador.

(AP photo)

### As factional struggles continue

## El Salvador's junta pins hopes on reforms

News Analysis  
By Gordon Mott

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador April 2 (AP) — El Salvador's ruling junta, an alliance of Christian Democrats and colonels who call themselves moderates, is still counting on such changes as agrarian reform and bank nationalization to win support of the masses and avert civil war.

But the efforts of the Junta, whose two colonels overthrew the rightist military government of Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero last October, are threatened by the extreme right and extreme left, locked in a bloody struggle against each other.

"You can't expect changes to take place from one night to the next morning," said Jose Napoleon Duarte, one of the three civilian junta members and the leader of the Christian Democratic party. "We are trying to change 50 years of dictatorship."

He maintained violence is so ingrained it goes down to small-town police commanders who rule by fear.

El Salvador is the smallest and most densely populated of the Central American countries. Half its population of 4.8 million is illiterate and unemployed, 70 per cent of the

children undernourished and the minimum daily wage is the equivalent of four U.S. dollars. Several hundred families and their military allies have controlled most of the country's wealth for decades.

Leftist organizations have been waging a struggle against the concentration of riches in the hands of the small ruling class. The extreme right blames the left for all the violence, but junta spokesmen admit the extreme right has acted within the government as a repressive force.

One main issue has been the concentration of land in the hands of the wealthy. The issue flared into violence as far back as 1937, when rebellious peasants rose up against landowners and seized property. The army backed the landowners and crushed the rebellion, killing 20,000 to 30,000 peasants.

The present junta launched a land-redistribution program March 6. The government says more than 70,000 families have been given some of the country's best farmland from about 250 estates, and the plan calls for 220,000 more families to get farms in the next year.

With the reform, the government is gambling it can build a base of support among the largely non-politicized population, it hopes it

can win the confidence of the landless peasants and that the urban laborers will recognize the government's good intention and join with the peasants in a common front against extremists.

The country's major leftist organizations call the land reform a trick to undermine them and obscure the country's real problems. They include the Popular Revolutionary Bloc, the United Popular Action Front, the Popular Leagues of Feb. 28 and the National Democratic Union, a front for the outlawed Communist party. Their combined membership totals about 70,000.

The right wing is trying just as hard as the left to undermine the government. Duarte said, "We hit them where it hurt them by taking away their land." The bank nationalizations, he added, eliminated one method the rich had for getting money out of the country because they owned most of the country's 19 banking and savings and loans institutions. He said the rich had sent about \$1.5 billion out of the country.

Right-wing terrorists are believed responsible for the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero last week and the earlier killing of a top government official.

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## Yugoslavia, EEC sign 5-year trade agreement

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, April 2 (AP) — Yugoslav and Common Market officials signed a trade agreement Wednesday which was hurried to completion by fears of the death of President Josip Broz Tito.

Italian Foreign Minister Amintore Fanfani expressed "the sincere feeling of solidarity shared by all members of the community in this particularly difficult time for Yugoslavia."

The new five-year agreement, communist Yugoslavia's third with the Common Market, is intended to help Belgrade cut its massive \$3 billion annual trade deficit with the European nine.

Western officials have also predicted it would make Yugoslavia less vulnerable to economic pressure from the Soviet Union and its economic bloc, the COMECON.

Yugoslav Foreign Minister Josip Vrhovac noted that the agreement had taken long negotiation "but realization now depends on all those involved."

The signing of the agreement documents came on the 83rd day of hospitalization of President Tito.

The new agreement will allow dozens of

## Iran oil workers want Moinfar out

TEHRAN, April 2 (R) — Representatives claiming the support of 16,000 workers in Iran's oil industry have demanded the dismissal of Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinfar, saying that he is not competent to manage the industry, the official Pars news agency reported Wednesday.

Workers and members of the Islamic Council of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) met President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr Tuesday and criticized the company's management, Pars said.

Among their complaints were that decisions were made only in Tehran, that the security of oil pipelines should be entrusted to local people, and that exploration work had stopped.

Yugoslav products including clothing, veal and plum brandy, to be sold more cheaply throughout the Common Market.

It also relaxes rules permitting Yugoslavs to work in Common Market countries. Negotiators for both sides had spent two years working on the new agreement, with Yugoslav officials complaining that they were being hurt by stiff trade barriers in Western Europe.

Common Market officials have attempted to publicly downplay any connection between the pact's sudden completion early this year and the onset of Tito's illness.

Community President Roy Jenkins, visiting Belgrade Feb. 29 after the agreement was initiated, conceded only that "perhaps our minds were a little concentrated by recent events."

Ruffini, president of the community's ministerial council, described Yugoslavia Wednesday as "united in spirit around Marshal Tito and his long ordeal."

He described the agreement as one which "respects the sovereignty and the specific characteristics of each party," phrasing which in the past has been used to avoid Soviet bloc charges that Yugoslavia was leaning too much toward the West.

The Common Market is Yugoslavia's biggest trading partner and the country has run chronically heavy deficits with West Germany and France.

Yugoslav officials are believed hoping the new pact will help them reduce the annual trade deficit to about \$1 billion by the time the agreement expires.

Meanwhile foreign ministers of the (EEC) and the Andean Pact countries — Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia — are to meet in Brussels in May for talks that could lead to an economic agreement.

The agreement would be of a non-preferential type, according to EEC commission source.

The meeting, on May, would not count as actual negotiations for the mooted agreement. These would be conducted by the EEC commission as such.

## Steel strikers cry 'sellout' at settlement

LONDON, April 2 (AP) — Dozens of pickets screaming "sellout" battled leaders of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation at its headquarters Tuesday after the Union Executive Committee voted to end a 13-week nationwide steel strike.

The pickets waiting in the front hall of the building became violent when they heard the decision of the executive committee to accept the latest pay offer of the state-run British Steel Corp.

As union leaders left the building, some pickets kicked and spat at them while others charged through the building demanding to know why the executive committee had voted 41-27 to accept the offer.

Police reinforcements were called to help a handful of officers already on duty there when the pickets turned their wrath on the executive committee members and fighting broke out in the front hall. The violence spilled into the street and several pickets were arrested.

Voting by the executive committee of the Blastfurnacemen's Union, the other main union involved in the walkout by a total of 130,000 British steel workers, has not taken place yet.

British steel made its offer of a 15.9 per cent pay raise after a three-man arbitration panel recommended that the corporation increase its 14.4 per cent "final offer" by another 1.5 per cent.

Before Tuesday's vote, union leaders involved in negotiations said they would settle for nothing less than 19.7 per cent.

Bill Sims, general secretary of the ISCT, said Monday night that pension payments and other factors will boost the BSC's 15.9 per cent offer to 17 per cent and that "the difference is no longer sufficient to carry on the strike."

The BSC offer would boost the average weekly wage base rate of \$242 for steelmen by \$36.80.

The stoppage, the first national steel shutdown since the general strike of 1926, began Jan. 2, each striker has lost about \$2,800 in pay.

The debt-ridden BSC say it has lost \$460 million since the strike started and has forfeited 10 per cent of its business because buyers have gone elsewhere. The latest pay deal would cost it \$437 million more a year in wages.

However, BSC plans to lay off some 52,000 men under a major streamlining program.

## U.S. prime rate hits 19.75%

NEW YORK, April 2 (AP) — America's third-largest commercial bank, Chase Manhattan, on Tuesday raised its prime rate ½-point to a record 19½ per cent, leapfrogging over the rates announced by other banks.

Two other major banks Tuesday increased their prime lending rates ¼-point to 19½ per cent, matching the rates announced.

Bank of America and most others this week.

Citibank the nation's second-largest commercial bank moved to 19½ per cent after increasing the prime rate ¼ per cent to 19½ just last Friday. Manufacturer's Hanover

**Turkish lira devalued**  
ANKARA, April 2 (AP) — The Turkish central bank Wednesday devalued the Turkish lira by 5.29 per cent relative to the U.S. dollar.

The Turkish lira was devalued 5.47 per cent to the Saudi Arabian dollar, three per cent to the Australian dollar, 2.7 per cent to the Kuwaiti dinar, 1.29 per cent to the Canadian dollar and 1.5 per cent to the British pound.

## U.S. Republicans resent Carter's 'upstaging' 1981 balanced budget act

WASHINGTON, April 2 (R) — Republicans in the U.S. Congress have accused President Jimmy Carter of attempting to upstage their budget-balancing act, and want heavier cuts in government spending and taxes.

The Republican leadership in the House of Representatives, more conservative than Carter's Democrats on budget issues, have worked out plans to slash \$14 billion off spending beyond Carter's latest budget submitted Monday.

They said they would use such savings for tax reductions, and the budget would still be in surplus.

Carter's budget, designed to reduce inflation from its current 18 per cent, planned a record surplus of \$16.5 billion in 1981.

He proposed spending of \$611.5 billion.

## Taiwan studies spot market oil

TAIPEI, April 2 (R) — Taiwan's state-owned Chinese Petroleum Corporation (CPC) is considering increasing its purchase of crude oil from world spot markets following Kuwait's decision to cut its contracted supply to Taiwan, a CPC spokesman said Wednesday.

The spokesman said Kuwait's decision to reduce its daily supply of 80,000 barrels to 40,000 barrels had seriously threatened Taiwan's oil sources.

He said in addition Gulf Oil also

Trust Co., ranked No. 4, went up ¼ per cent to 19½ per cent.

Most other banks, including top-ranked Bank of America, increased their prime lending rates by a half percentage point to 19½ per cent Friday.

The prime is the rate banks charge on loans to their best corporate customers.

A growing number of money analysts are predicting the rate will hit 20 per cent soon as banks are forced to pay more for funds. The federal funds rate — the rate banks must pay for overnight loans from other Federal Reserve System banks — was 19½ per cent Tuesday.

"The demand for bank loans continues to be strong, putting banks under increasing pressure, so you can figure the prime will move upward some more before peaking out," said Maria Ramirez, an assistant vice president at Merrill Lynch Co. in New York. "I think it's going to be a couple of weeks before it peaks, probably at 20 per cent or a little higher."

There was no confirmation of reports that El Paso had made new proposals during the last session of the talks. Algerian officials said to have insisted during these sessions that they expect the U.S. Energy Department to rapidly approve any new agreement.

The "El Paso Howard Boyd" tanker loaded normally at the port of Arzew Monday.

Algeria also is re-negotiating liquefied natural gas contracts with its other customers in France, West Germany and Italy.

**OAPEC urges West's aid for development**

KUWAIT, April 2 (R) — The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) Wednesday urged the West help instead of denouncing Third World countries.

The industrialized countries should more to assist the developing world, including the member countries of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), OAPEC's monthly bulletin said in an editorial.

"Solutions will never emerge from incessant propaganda campaigns that heap blame on OPEC. Such campaigns endeavor to position in any bid to improve terms of trade with the industrialized countries," the bulletin said.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

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Pound Sterling	7.22	7.24	7.19
Deutsche Mark (100)	171.00	173.50	170.40
Swiss F (100)	180.00	183.00	179.25
French F (100)	74.00	75.50	74.05
Italian Lira (10,000)	37.00	38.00	37.00
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.00	96.70
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound		4.48	4.41
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.18	12.03
Jordanian Dinar		10.95	10.76
Emirate Dirham (100)		89.50	89.50
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.00	91.00
Bahraini Dinar		8.92	8.92
Iranian Riyal (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		73.75	73.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)		83.00	87.00
Indian Rupee (100)		—	40.90
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.00
Gold kg.		54,300.00	—
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.30	—	13.50
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	107.00	188.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	156.00	—	157.50
Spanish Peso	—	50.00	49.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	81.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	45.00
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12	Dafar Djabari	Ori	Timber	1-4-80
16	Thana Varea	A.E.T.	Containers/Load-Ing MTYs	1-4-80
18	Achilleus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	26-3-80
19	Torn Helvig	Alasabah	Vehicles	1-4-80
20	Singa Satu	A.E.T.	Bagged Cement	13-3-80
24	Everyalos	S.A.M.A.	White Cement/Gen/Conts./Mets	1-4-80
25	Elpan	O.C.E.	Apples/Cheese	31-3-80
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30	Mistral Universal	Star	Containers/Ro Ro	1-4-80
35	Hallenic Valor	Alpha	Containers/Load-Ing MTYs	1-4-80
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10	Fresno City	Globe	General	1-4-80
13	Barge No. 340	Kanoo	Loading Pipes	1-4-80
21	Pacific Insurer (D.B.)	Alireza	Bulk Cement	29-3-80
26	Nedon	UEP	Rice/Barley	29-3-80
27	Asia Samho	Gulf	Gen/Steel	1-4-80
28	Pacific Multia	UEP	Timber	31-3-80
31	Mare Australis	Ori	Bananas	1-4-80
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Ministry of Agriculture & Water	Deepening of ministry's well in Band Amer, Bujairi, and other two in Sh'ara, Tihama Zahran	55/1	200	April 8
Ministry of P.T.T.	Construction of modern buildings for P.T.T. in Baha, Jubail and Shaqraa	15-99/400	2000	April 15
Directorate of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Illumination of entry to Al-Ola town	22	200	April 21
" " "	Fencing of graveyards in Al-Khuraib	23	300	April 23
" " "	Asphalting, paving and lighting of streets in Al-Ola	24	400	April 26
Municipality of Mecca	Operation and maintenance of lights in Mecca, Bahra, Shumaili and the roads leading to the pilgrimage sites, as well as operation of two tunnels in Al-Maf'abad	23	500	April 30

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## Holmes, Weaver await title challenges from Ali

NEW YORK, April 2 (R) — Heavyweight champions Larry Holmes and Mike Weaver showed little interest Wednesday in meeting for the undisputed world title, but both expressed a desire to fight former champion Muhammad Ali.

The reason is money: A fight with Ali would mean a multi-million-dollar promotion; a Holmes-Weaver match could only bring a fraction of that in purse offers.

And Ali now ostensibly unretired after 19

months of activity appears eager to accommodate both Holmes, the World Boxing Council (WBC) champion, and Weaver, the new World Boxing Association (WBA) title holder.

Ali, 38, watched on television Monday night as Holmes retained his crown by stopping Leroy Jones and Weaver knocked out John Tate in a startling upset.

What he saw, said Ali, convinced him that he could easily beat either champion.

"I want Weaver in two months and Holmes two months after that," Ali said Tuesday at his Los Angeles home.

Promoter Bob Arum, who had been working on a Tate-Ali bout, switched signals after Weaver's startling victory and said he would try to sign Weaver and Ali instead.

"We've spoken with Ali and his advisers and they want to go ahead with the (Weaver) fight," Arum told a press conference in Knoxville, Tennessee. "We hope to hold the fight in June or July, probably in New Orleans."

But in Las Vegas, Nevada, where Holmes halted Jones in the eighth round Monday night, rival promoter Don King and the WBC champion challenged Ali — while conceding that it was likely Holmes would make his next defense against Scott Ledoux.

"I'll fight Ali," Ledoux, anybody," Holmes said. "I'll take them all out. I'm there now. There's no doubt anymore. I'm the only heavyweight champion in the world."

King promoted the June, 1978, match in which Holmes won the WBC crown from Ken Norton and has staged all six of his title defenses.

One of those was Holmes' win over Weaver, whom he stopped in the 12th round in June, 1979.

Ali, who held the heavyweight championship three times, could hardly contain his enthusiasm after watching Monday night's title fight.

"Weaver is duck soup for me," Ali exulted. "I can't miss him with my left jab... Weaver is my meat. He is short and he is sloppy."

"I'll whip Holmes, too," Ali added. "That big, old fat boy (Jones) almost got to him. He almost beat Holmes."

Ali, who weighed more than 250 pounds (113.25 kg) when he started training about a month ago for his comeback, said he was down to 237 pounds (107.36 kg), with an eventual target of 225 pounds (102.06 kg).

Meanwhile, World Boxing Association (WBA) super-featherweight champion Samuel Serrano of Puerto Rico fought for a year and this could work to Japanese challenger Battlehawk Kazma's advantage here Thursday.

Serrano said that he had been inactive since making a successful ninth defense last April because he had not been offered a worthwhile purse.

## Canada could force boycott, committee says

OTTAWA, Canada, April 2 (AP) — A direct order from the Canadian government to boycott the Moscow Olympics would force the Canadian Olympic Association to reassess its decision to send a team to the summer games, association president Dick Pound said Tuesday.

But it would be hypothetical to say what the association will do until the government decides later this month whether to support U.S. President Jimmy Carter's call for an Olympic boycott to protest the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Pound will meet Wednesday with External Affairs Minister Mark McGowan and Sport Minister Gerald Regan to explain why the association board of directors voted Sunday to accept the invitation of the Moscow Games organizing committee.

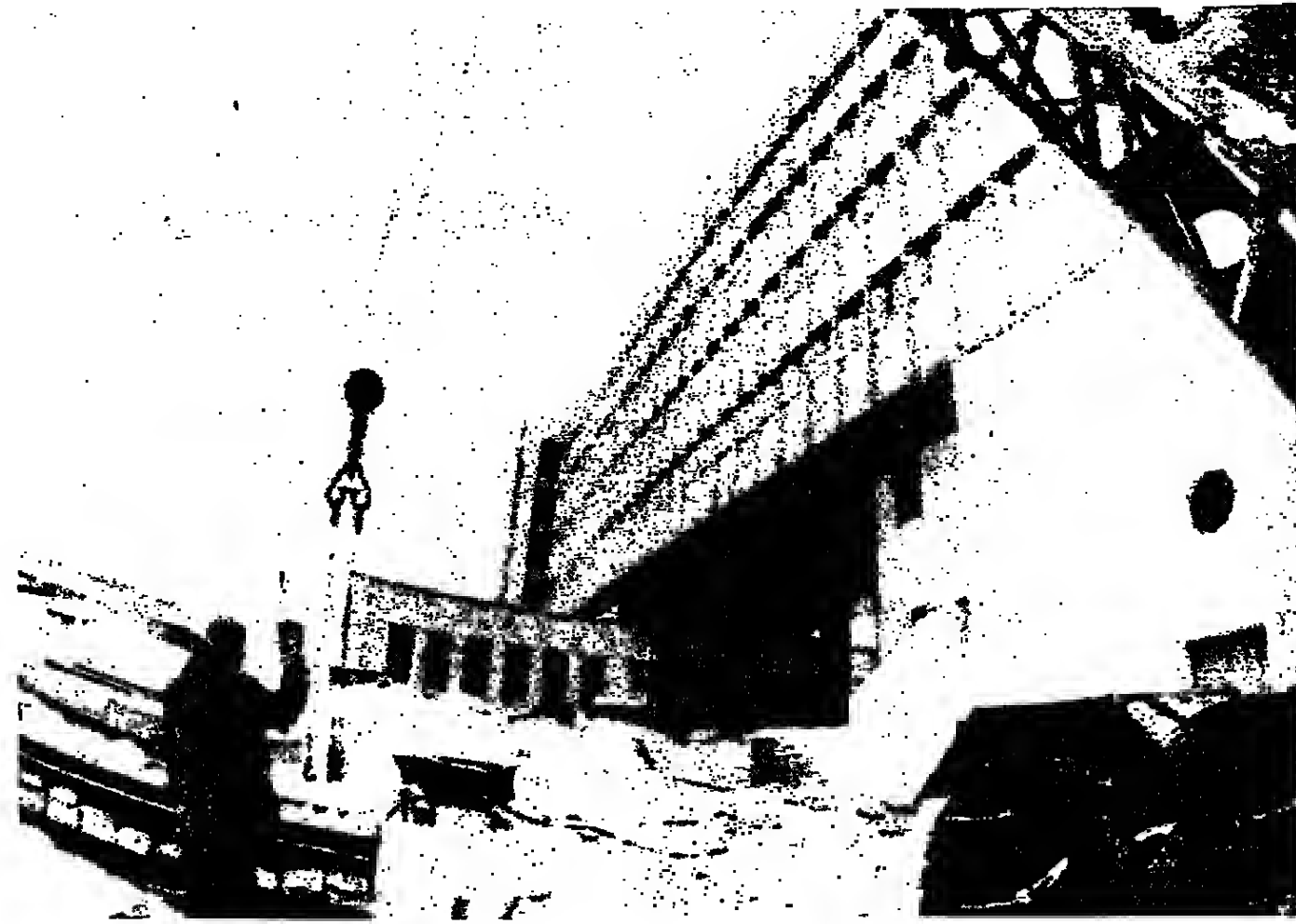
Pound said a misunderstanding caused him to think he had unanimous support from the directors for his stand, Denis Whitaker, the Canadian Chief De Mission for Moscow, said in Toronto he voted against going and will personally boycott the games.

He also said it was possible the Directors of Olympic Trust might decide not to give the association the 1.6 million Canadian dollars it needs to send the team to Moscow.

The trust collects private donations for the association. The directors were to meet in Toronto Tuesday night to discuss the Olympic situation.

In London, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Tuesday athletes who compete in the Olympic games in Moscow will be giving "some kind of approval to Russian foreign policy."

Answering a question in the House of Commons, Thatcher said she had read eyewitness reports about people who had fled from Afghanistan following the Soviet military intervention there.



COUNTDOWN: Final construction work proceeds at the administrative building for Moscow's Olympic Village, the residence center for athletes and officials at the Moscow Olympics. Construction and planning continues unabated, despite plans for a boycott by some countries.

### While political battles rage

## Moscow Olympics preparations continue

MOSCOW, April 2 (R) — The biggest new venues for the Olympic Games look like an untidy construction site now but Soviet officials say they will be ready well before the start of competition in July.

Everyone in the Moscow Games Organizing Committee (OCOG) has a countdown calendar on his desk, and is well aware that there are only 106 days until opening ceremony on July 19.

Political battles rage in other capitals over which countries will join the United States in boycotting the Olympics in protest at the Soviet government's armed intervention in Afghanistan.

While Soviet government officials and the press defend against the American and British charge that attendance at the games would give the Russians a propaganda victory and indicate approval of Soviet foreign policy, the technicians and builders are getting on with the job of preparing impressive facilities for games' athletes.

Spring is late in arriving in Moscow, and there is still a light covering of snow and ice on the ground, slowing work on the huge complex in the central part of the city — the only big site not yet completed.

The main Lenin Stadium, where athletics and the football final will take place, was built in the 1950s and renovated before last summer's Spartakiad, the Soviet National Games, leaving the organizers with funds to concentrate on secondary facilities.

The huge development on Mir Prospect (Peace Boulevard), includes a magnificent swimming and diving venue and the vast "Olympic Covered Stadium," with a floor space the size of a football pitch, which is being divided in two by a sliding wall to provide separate halls for basketball and boxing.

With mud and rubble surrounding the area, unfinished approach roads and construction equipment, and swarms of workers, the project generates excitement in sports-minded visitors.

The Moscow press this year shows no echo of the near-panic which prevailed in Montreal four years ago when officials were worried whether the main stadium would be finished by opening day.

"We have been up to 30 days behind schedule on the Mir Prospect site, but I can assure you the buildings will be completed and grass will be growing there on May 15," the head of the Soviet organizing committee.

### Major-league baseball negotiations canceled

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., April 2 (UPI) — Contract negotiations between major-league baseball players and owners broke off early and two scheduled sessions were canceled in anticipation of a federal mediator joining the talks.

Ray Grehey, spokesman for the 26 big-league teams, said the meetings were called off pending arrival of the mediator "since we felt that we could get more accomplished then."

However, player's representative Marvin Miller blasted the move as an "alibi for three days of foot-dragging after roughly 20 weeks of the same type of tactics."

Grehey said The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service was asked to participate "in an effort to continue the collective bargaining now proceeding and to avoid the work stoppage threatened by the Players Association."

An afternoon session Thursday broke after about 20 minutes when both sides agreed to resume the meetings March 30 in Palm Springs, Calif. FMCS Deputy Director Kenneth E. Moffett announced in Washington a mediator would be in attendance.

Miller Thursday night blamed the owners for the failure to move any further toward agreement during the three days of scheduled talks.

"Our primary objective was to meet and work out an agreement. Yesterday nothing was accomplished apparently because they had already decided to call in a mediation service without telling us. Today nothing happened because they already called the mediation service. Then they canceled tomorrow. It seems a shameful waste of time."

Miller argued the talks Sunday will do little toward breaking the impasse.

Ignaty T. Novikov, a Soviet deputy prime minister, told members of the International Olympic Committee press commission at the weekend.

There are 3,000 workers on the site, he said, and with all major construction completed, there are only finishing touches, technical equipment and landscaping to be done.

The indoor stadium can be converted to a 40,000 seat covered football venue, allowing that popular sport to be played in Moscow's arctic winter, which has been the off-season for the game.

Now it stands open, without the diving wall, but with moveable banks of seats being completed on the floor. The basketball half of the hall will seat 16,000 spectators, with 18,000 more places for simultaneous boxing competition.

With ready access to a major Moscow metro (underground railway) station, it can handle huge crowds there and at the nearby swimming complex.

The swimming pool looks even farther from completion, but Alexander Sedov, deputy director of the press services department, told the visiting reporters that laying of tiles would be finished this week and the first water would be pumped into the two pools by mid-April.

A plate glass wall divides the 10,800-seat swimming pool from the diving pool, where 5,700 people can watch.

Robert Helmick, the American lawyer who is general secretary of the International Amateur Swimming Federation (FINA), has been in Moscow recently, according to the Soviet news agency Tass, and can offer technical advice on the conditions which the pool must meet.

After being tested with water, its filtration system must be approved and then the precision electric starting, timing and results system must be proved.

## Liverpool win extends First Division lead

LONDON, April 2 (R) — Liverpool extended their lead in the English First Division football league to six points by riding a first half goal from Scottish international Kenny Dalglish to a 1-0 victory over Stoke City.

Liverpool struggled to find their best form Tuesday night after their 2-0 loss to Tottenham Hotspur in London last Saturday, but Dalglish's goal in the 34th minute proved to be enough.

Second placed Manchester United had a crucial contest playing away at Nottingham Forest, then they are at home to Liverpool on Saturday.

By then it should be clear whether or not they still have a realistic chance of beating Liverpool to the league championship.

In another First Division match, West Bromwich Albion beat Crystal Palace 3-0 with Peter Barnes getting two goals.

Results of British football matches played were:

English Division One		
Liverpool	1	Stoke
West Bromwich	3	Crystal Palace
English Division Two		
Birmingham	2	Oldham
Cambridge	2	West Ham
Shrewsbury	1	Preston
Scottish Premier Division		
Kilmarnock	0	Aberdeen
English Division Three		
Chesterfield	0	Gillingham
Plymouth	0	Mansfield
Rotherham	2	Chester
Sheffield Wednesday	1	
English Division Four		
Port Vale	2	Portsmouth
Rochdale	0	Huddersfield
Walsall	3	York
Scottish Division One		
Hearts	0	Ayr
Scottish Division Two		
East Stirling	4	Meadowbank
Queen's Park	0	Dunfermline

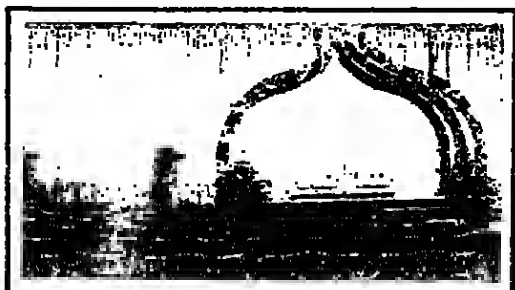
### Soviet chessmasters tie fourth match

MOSCOW, April 2 (AP) — Soviet grandmasters Lev Polugayevsky and Mikhail Tal tied the fourth game Tuesday of their quarterfinals match in the World Chess Challenge's Tournament, Tass reported.

Polugayevsky now leads by 3 to 1 in the match, which is being played in Allma At. With Tal playing white, the game duplicated the second game of the match up to the ninth move. But on the 10th, Tal declined bishop sacrifice for a more orthodox continuation, Tass said.

On the 18th move, Tal made a surprising sacrifice of his rook for a pawn, creating a new situation with opportunities for both players.

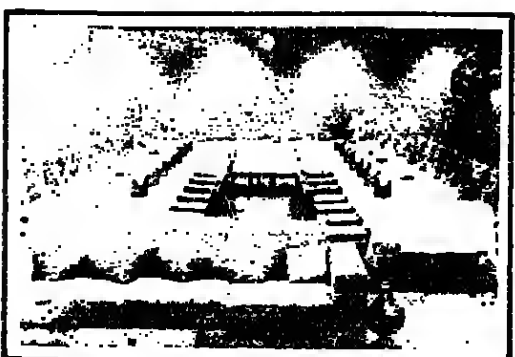
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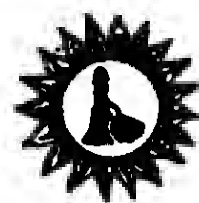
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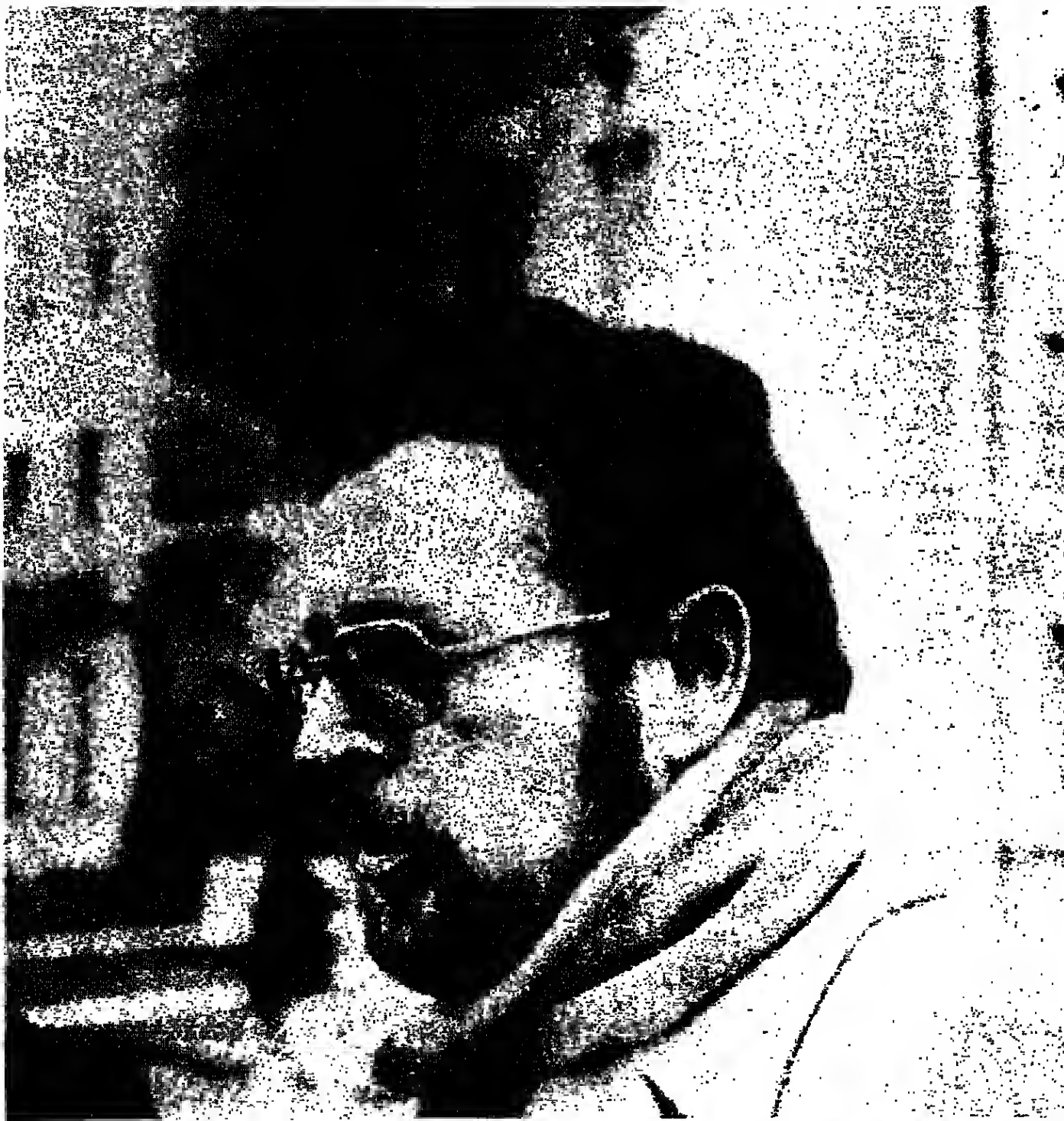




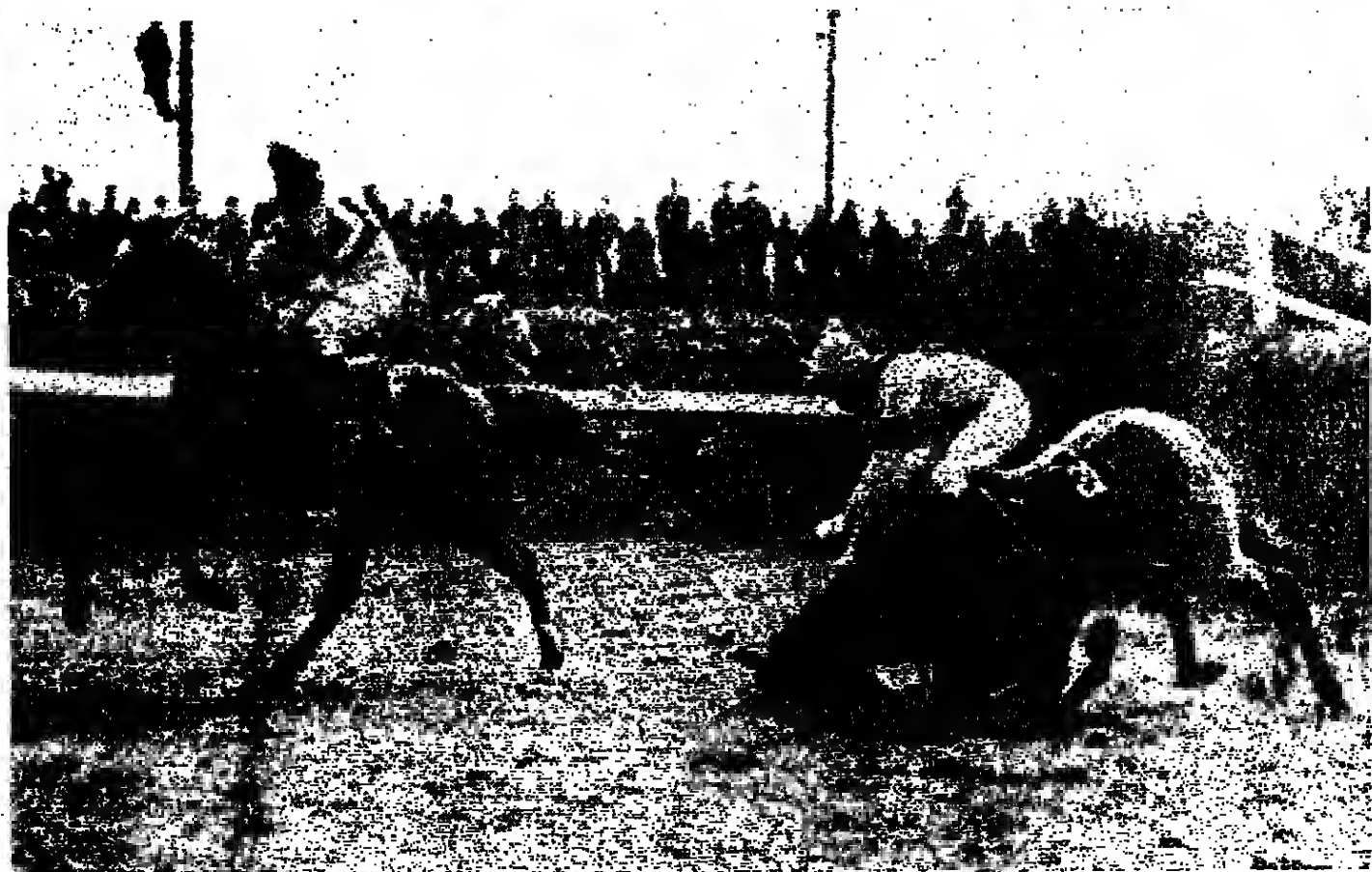
Firemen battle the blaze at the Italian Consulate, as neighbors gather to watch the wreckage burning. On a cold, dreary morning, the blast destroyed the building.



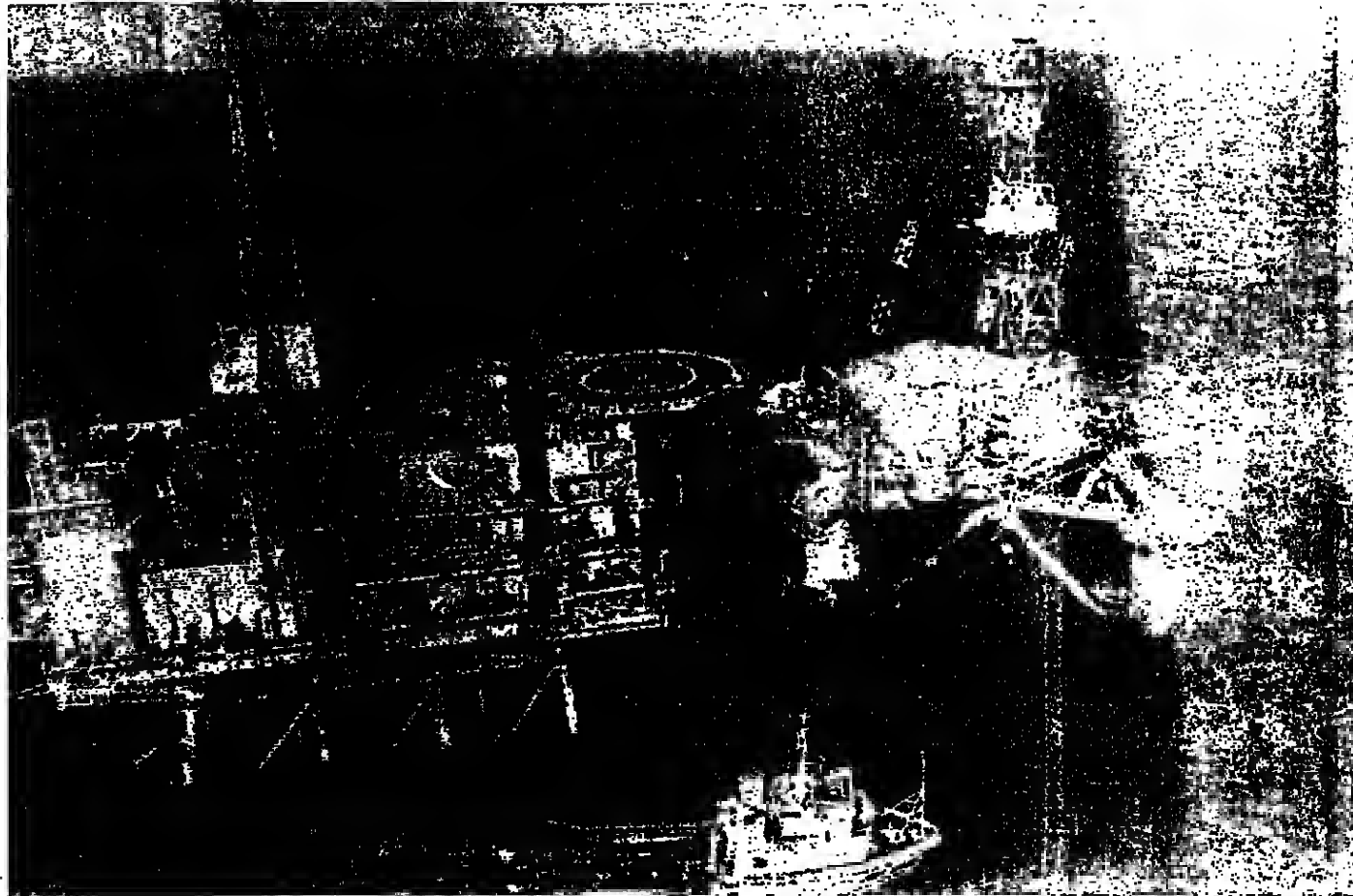
Italian consul Carlo Santi surveys the wreckage of the consulate in Knightsbridge, early in the morning of March 24. There were no casualties but the building was ruined.



A 310-ton steel cone is lowered into the Gulf of Mexico in September, 1979 to try and cap the gushing oil well.



Ben Nevis, left, the eventual winner of the Grand National at Aintree with American jockey Charlie Fenwick clears Bechers Brook, unlike No. 23, Delmoss, with George Newman up.



The North Sea rig which collapsed recently killing over 80 workers.



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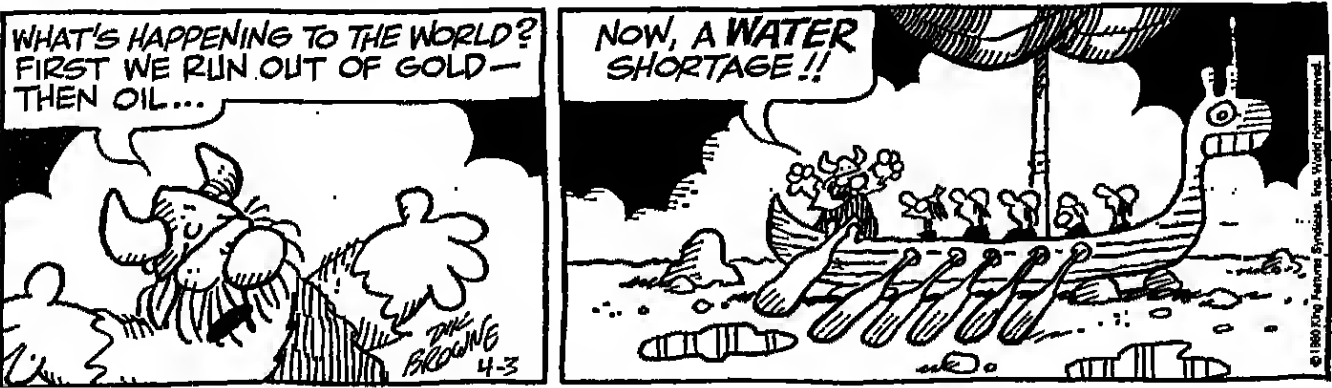
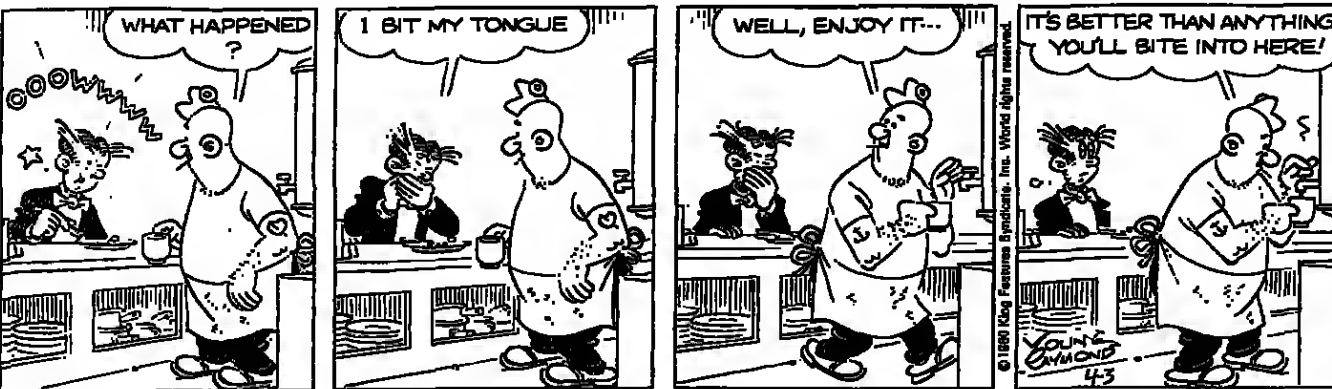
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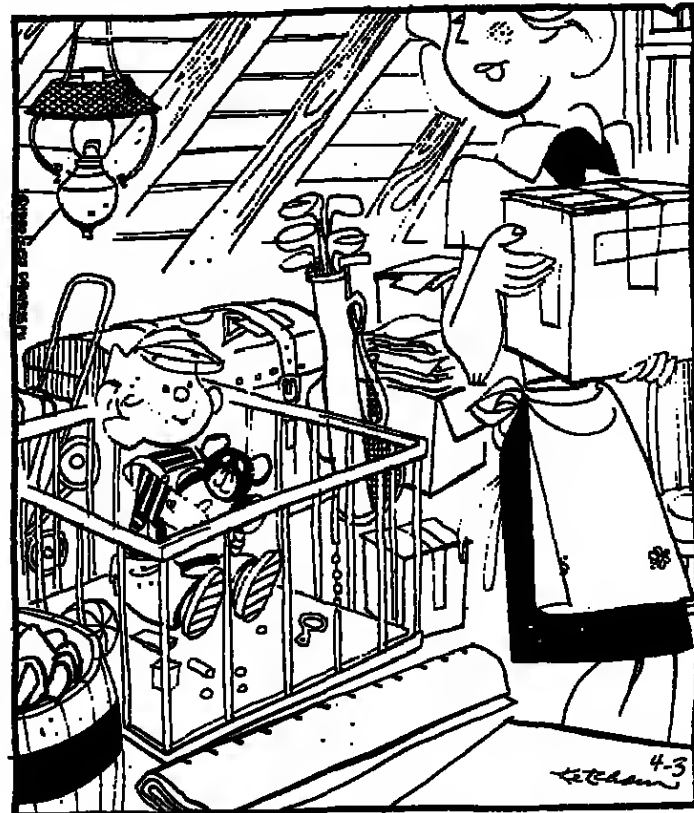
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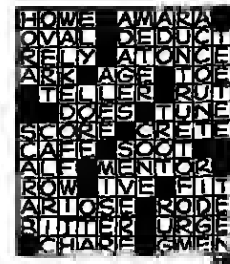
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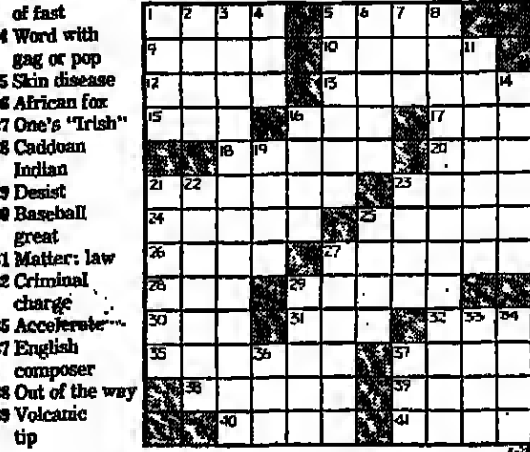
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Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Maine city  
5 Like a cheap watch  
9 Israeli port  
10 List's "love"  
12 Ezechiel  
13 One kind of saw  
15 Football holder  
16 Song  
17 Pick up years  
18 Equine  
19 Man's nickname  
21 Nursery item  
22 Partner of fast  
24 Word with gag or pop  
25 Skin disease  
26 African for 27  
27 One's "Irish"  
28 Cuddoan  
29 Indian  
30 Desert  
31 Baseball great  
32 Matter: law  
33 Criminal charge  
35 Accelerate  
37 English composer  
38 Out of the way  
39 Volcanic tip



DOWN  
4 Cassidy fan  
11 Esmeralda  
14 Woody fiber  
2 Hunt  
3 Exam  
4 Biddy  
5 Easily done  
6 Cleveland  
7 Bribe  
8 Hit and miss  
11 Overfill  
14 Grammatical class  
15 Assistant  
19 On the dole  
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23 Inaugural  
24 "Lucasta"  
25 Wee glance  
26 "In the sky" item  
27 Statute



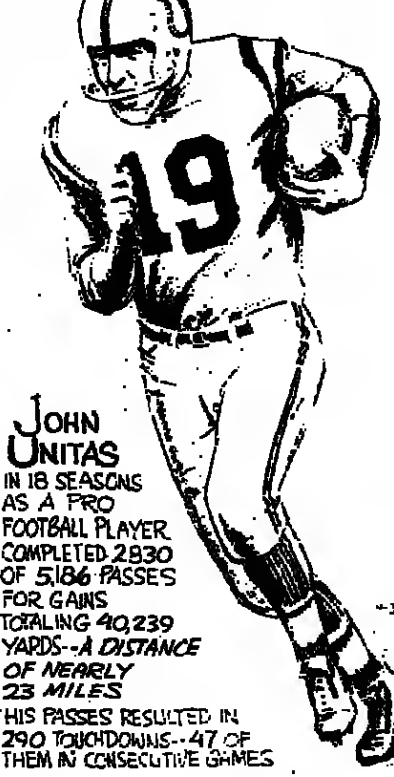
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-GXMM, DRUXM'C HXYAT NR  
JSZ SXMM. -YDUK YDRZC QWWTZ  
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1 Pass 1 Pass  
1 Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

1. AK C KQJ82 O 84 C Q73
2. K75 C A38 O AQ3 KQ4
3. K4 C QJ743 O QJ8 A8
4. J4 C A783 O J782 A5
5. QJ72 C AQ782 O K5 K3

1. Three clubs. An opening bid facing an opening bid means game. Obviously, this is a game-going hand, but the best contract is unclear at the moment.

Three clubs (forcing) informs partner of your opening bid values, and also tells him that game in clubs, hearts, or notrump are all possible, depending on his hand.

2. Three notrump. This shows balanced distribution (no void or singleton) and 16 or 17 points. It therefore constitutes a mild slam try. Two notrump would show 13 to 15 points and limited interest in a slam.

3. Three hearts. Here you can play notrump if your partner is so inclined, but you should first shoot for game in hearts, since you have a six-

card suit. If North can't support hearts, you intend to pass. Three hearts is forcing, just as practically all jump bids by responder are forcing.

4. Pass. The chance of making a game with this layout is remote, and the only real problem is to find the best part-score contract. There is no good reason to think that climbing the ladder to search for a better spot than one spade would pay dividends. Partner might take any further bid seriously, and it would be wrong to run such a risk unnecessarily.

Note that the opening bidder's change of suit is not forcing. The forcing principle applies only when the responder names a new suit.

5. Four spades. A raise to two spades would ordinarily indicate 8 to 10 points. Three spades would show 13 to 15. Four spades shows 16 to 17 points and at least mild interest in a slam. In all these cases, distributional values are added to the raw high-card values.

The sequence in question is very different from the case where dealer opens with one spade and responder jumps to four spades. This is a shutout bid that announces lots of trumps and very limited high-card values.

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Medina	4:47	6:11	12:23	4:00	6:41	8:11
Nejd	3:28	5:47	12:01	3:29	6:10	7:40

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3:00 Children's Show	Godzilla: Seaweed Monster
3:36 Vision on	Episode 10
4:00 NBA Basketball	D.C. at Seattle
5:57 Ghosts of Motley Hall	Horoscope
6:24 FamilyHour Festival	Very Good Friends
7:10 Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley meet Fabian
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1:05 Gems of Guidance  
1:10 This Week's Landmark  
1:20 Top of the Pops  
1:50 Jazz Music  
2:20 On Islam  
2:30 Swing Era  
3:00 NEWS  
3:10 Press Review  
3:15 Music  
3:20 Islam The Divine Truth  
3:30 A Selection of Music  
3:50 Closedown

##### Evening Transmission

9:00 Opening  
9:01 Holy Quran  
9:05 Gems of Guidance  
9:10 Light Music  
9:15 The Evening Show  
9:45 Eve and Her World  
10:00 Music  
10:10 Music  
10:15 NEWS  
10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle  
10:30 Music Worldwide  
11:00 World Classics  
11:15 African-American Theme  
11:45 On Islam  
12:00 Symphony Concert  
12:30 Music  
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams  
01:00 Closedown

### VOA

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8:30 Dateline	VOA WORLD REPORT
News Summary	
Special English: News	
Feature: The Making of a Nation	
News Summary	
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	Midnight
10:00 News Roundup	12:00 News newsmakers' voices
Reports: Actualities	correspondents reports background
10:05 Opening: Analyses	features media comments news analyses.

### BBC

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8:00 World News  
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8:30 Sarah Ward  
8:45 World Today  
9:00 Newsdesk  
9:30 Opera Star  
10:00 World News  
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary  
10:30 Sarah Ward  
10:45 Something to Show You  
11:00 World News  
11:09 Reflections  
11:15 Piano Style  
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978  
12:00 World News  
12:09 British Press Review  
12:15 World Today  
12:30 Financial News  
12:40 Look Ahead  
12:45 The Tony Myatt

4:00 World News  
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
4:30 The Pleasure's Yours  
5:15 Report on Religion  
6:00 Radio Newsreel  
6:15 Outlook  
7:00 World News  
7:09 Commentary  
7:15 Sherlock Holmes  
7:45 World Today  
8:00 World News  
8:09 Books and Writers  
8:30 Take One  
8:45 Sports Round-up  
9:00 World News  
9:09 News about Britain  
9:15 Radio Newsreel  
9:30 Farming World  
10:00 Outlook News Summary  
10:39 Stock Market Report  
10:43 Look Ahead  
10:45 Ulster in Focus  
11:00 World News  
11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

#### Evening Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus  
1:30 Discovery  
2:00 World News  
2:09 News about Britain  
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios  
2:30 Sports International  
2:40 Radio Newsreel  
3:15 Promenade Concert  
3:45 Sports Round-up

12:15 Talkabout  
12:45 Nature Notebook  
1:00 World News  
1:09 World Today  
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1:40 Reflections  
1:45 Sports Round-up  
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## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

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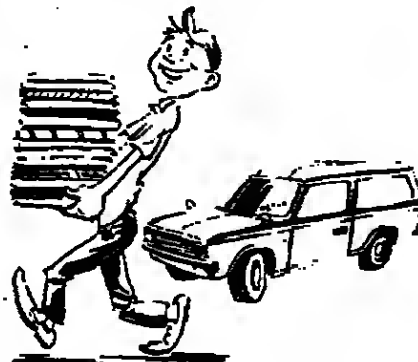
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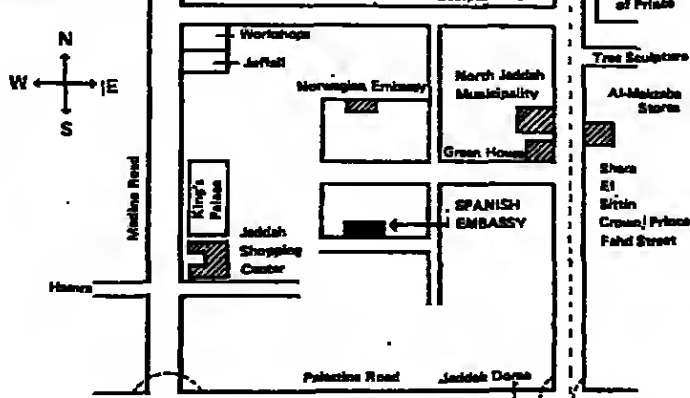


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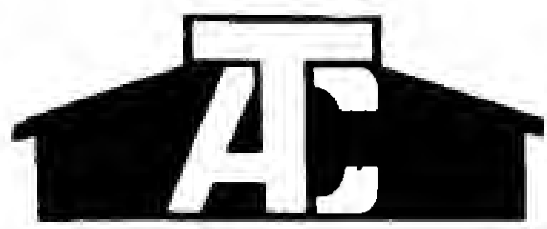


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## Hostages stay in militants' hands U.S. confused on custody terms

TEHRAN, April 2 (AP) — President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr of Iran said President Jimmy Carter has not met his terms for removal of the American hostages from the control of the militants holding them, and the Revolutionary Council would take custody of the captives until he does. A top White House official said the Carter administration is not sure what the Iranian leader wants.

"It is not important to us what President Carter has expressed. What is important is whether or not he takes the measures we have specified," Bani-Sadr said in a statement distributed by Pars, the official Iranian news agency.

"If he does, the Revolutionary Council will undertake responsibility for the hostages until the Majlis (parliament) gives its opinion on the matter. Otherwise it will not."

On Tuesday night, the White House aide said U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim had spoken by telephone with Bani-Sadr and the secretary of State Cyrus Vance that Iran was waiting for a new statement of U.S. intentions.

The aide, who requested anonymity, said, "We don't know specifically what they're looking for. We would like to be as helpful as we can. Obviously there are limitations beyond which the president cannot go."

Earlier Tuesday, Bani-Sadr told a rally the council had agreed to take control of the hostages until the new Iranian parliament decided their fate if the U.S. government pledged to abstain from all hostile action and propaganda against Iran until their fate was decided by the new parliament.

In the first round of parliamentary voting, the clergy-dominated Islamic Republican party won 49 seats, supporters of Bani-Sadr captured 18, independents won 21, and several minor parties won a total of 13, it was reported Wednesday. The other 169 seats will be filled in a second round of parliamentary voting expected to be held in about a month. A government-appointed commission is now investigating claims of vote-rigging in the first round of voting.

Bani-Sadr's apparent determination to end

the embassy standoff likely will be made difficult if the Islamic Republican party wins a parliamentary majority. Party members, mostly Muslim clergymen, have backed Ayatollah Khomeini and the militants holding the American hostages in their demands for the return of the Shah in exchange for release of the hostages.

A short time after Bani-Sadr spoke Tuesday, Carter told White House reporters the offer was a "positive development" and that he would defer imposing further sanctions against Iran. However, Carter repeatedly ignored reporters' questions as to whether he intended to accede to Bani-Sadr's conditions.

Asked whether the silence meant acquiescence, a senior White House aide said, "This government is not aware that it has engaged in any hostile action or provocation. The president's remarks constitute our statement on this matter. I think I have made myself abundantly clear."

The aide also declined to say whether Carter had any private assurances that the hostage transfer would take place.

Carter told an AFL-CIO meeting Tuesday that no one in his administration apologized to the Iranian regime for any action during the reign of the former Shah contradicting Tehran reports over the weekend that two messages he sent the Iranian government last week contained impressions of regret for American actions.

Carter also warned that American patience is running thin.

Bani-Sadr's conditions for the release of the hostages have been U.S. acknowledgment of past interference in Iran's affairs, a pledge not to interfere in the future and a promise not to block Iran's efforts to get back the Shah and the wealth he allegedly plundered.

In his speech Tuesday, he said the hostages would not be freed until the Shah was extradited, the condition set by the militants who seized the U.S. embassy and its staff last Nov. 4.

A member of the Revolutionary Council said the council would meet Thursday to discuss Carter's response to Bani-Sadr.

## Carter's plucky stand-ins

Alligator wrestler,  
White House kin  
keep campaign alive

MIAMI, April 2 (LAT) — When Kevin Foley agreed to help President Jimmy Carter's campaign last year, he planned to give his time, his energy and even a little of his own money to help the candidate. What he did not plan was an afternoon rolling in the dust, wrestling a 260-pound Florida alligator.

"It was a carnival, like," explained Foley, who wrestled the alligator last month at a Seminole celebration. "They expected somebody from the Carter campaign to do it. I guess I was it."

While Foley's dedication to the job was extraordinary — some later said even foolhardy — the Carter-Mondale Presidential Committee, Inc. has over 500 full-time employees who are willing to do whatever seems necessary and within the rules to elect Jimmy Carter.

They are part of a massive, largely anonymous political machine that hums along efficiently without an active candidate. While the president stays in the White House, a self-proclaimed hostage to the international crises in Iran and Afghanistan, they have made almost a million phone calls on his behalf, spent almost \$12 million for his campaign and managed to corral 746 of 1,666 delegates needed for their phantom candidate to win the Democratic nomination.

Carter's official spokesmen have insisted that his absence is hurting the campaign, making fund-raising more difficult and campaign workers less enthusiastic. On Thursday, Robert S. Strauss, the campaign director, said he would advise the president to emerge from his self-imposed confinement and make several "non-political" trips to sell his anti-inflation policies.

Strauss, however, said he didn't expect the president to heed his advice, at least not for now, and there are still plenty of people in the Carter campaign who suggest the campaign works better without him.

"The only thing better than a campaign with a good candidate is one with no candidate at all," said one Carter worker, not entirely joking. Candidates on the campaign trail cost money, especially when that candidate is the president of the United States. More importantly, a presidential campaigner, unlike a president in the White House, is under constant mechanical scrutiny by television cameras and tape recorders.

The press corps watches persistently, cataloging any misstep and mispeak. Thus, his staff must always worry about whether the candidate got a good crowd, or if what he is saying may accidentally offend. They must be concerned if he bumps his head before national television cameras and whether he has forgotten anyone in his introductory remarks, thus driving them angrily to the opposition.

Carter himself was more than 30 points ahead in the polls in 1976 while he remained in Plains, Georgia that summer waiting to campaign. Once he emerged, however, he made small blunders and his ratings dropped steadily. Similarly, President Gerald R. Ford seemed to do better when he confined his public appearances to the White House rose garden. When he reappeared on the campaign trail, as he did for a debate in San Francisco, he made mistakes, in that case, with a slip of the tongue, incorrectly declaring that Poland was not under Soviet domination.

More importantly, Carter, like his predecessors, has learned the political advantages that come with his job. As campaign manager Strauss says, "I'll take incumbency any day."

Using the White House as the backdrop for his presidential appearances, Carter has brought the voters to the candidate, instead of the reverse.

Since he has been in office, Carter has invited 15,000 political and community lead-



Strauss: Selling a hidden candidate to the White House for briefings. While staff members insist that the briefings are not political, the timing has been "helpful," as one campaign aide put it.

More than 150 New Yorkers came to the White House two weeks before the New York primary. Floridians arrived in great numbers a month before an important Democratic straw vote last October.

New Englanders were fêted shortly before primaries in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts.

The White House has timed the announcements of millions of dollars in federal grants so that they occur shortly before political primaries in the newly-enriched areas.

During the New Hampshire primary campaign, for example, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, toured the American skate factory in Berlin, New Hampshire, the day before Mrs. Rosalynn Carter toured the same factory. While Kennedy's staff handed out brochures, Mrs. Carter announced a \$1.5 million loan guarantee to the company from the department of Commerce.

During his political confinement, Carter has also made good use of his telephone. Before the Iowa caucuses, he made more than 300 calls to potential voters. One recipient, Thomas Pelham of Marshalltown, Iowa, said he had no idea it would be the president he picked up the receiver. "He knew everything about me — what I did, that I was a trucker, my wife's name," Pelham recalled. "I know the government knows everything about us, but it's still kinda scary."

While Carter isn't campaigning, most of his family and many of his principal appointees are. Campaign organizers estimate that over 50 surrogates — a term made popular when President Richard M. Nixon sent out political missionaries in the 1972 election — have campaigned on Carter's behalf. Some political experts say that several surrogates are almost a match for the original.

Rosalynn Carter, for example, is "one of the best campaigners out there," Strauss said recently. And Vice President Walter F. Mondale did so well in Illinois that one was said that sending Mondale to stand in for Carter was like substituting opera star Luciano Pavarotti for pop singer Barry Manilow.


Not only has Carter learned the advantages of presidential co-campaigning, but his campaign organization has grown so efficient and computer-like that it makes old-line Democrats nervous. Democrats, they claim, are traditionally noisy and unpredictable. They feed on political infights and infrastructural discord. They are not accustomed to tidy politics.

"This campaign is so efficient, it's almost Republican," one senior official on Carter's team complained recently.

The Carter-Mondale committee, which takes up 13 floors next door to a topless bar in Washington, runs like a major corporation. There are seven accountants and two lawyers on the staff, and they earn and spend money at the same rate as a \$200 million corporation, according to one of the money men, Kevin Haggarty.



ROYAL CHAT: Prince Charles of Britain stops to chat with a member of the Cameron Highlanders during an inspection on his arrival in Ottawa, Canada. The prince stopped in the capital briefly on his way to British Columbia.



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By Jihad Khazem

History — generally a succession of extremely unpleasant events — comes like a thief in the night, with very few witnesses. At most, and here I speak of Arab history, there is that ominous rumbling in the small hours. Then all goes quiet and you go to sleep thinking that nothing has happened. But then you wake to the radio blaring "Proclamation No. 1" with its usual crop of abstract nouns clattering about like stones in a can. Ah, you think, rubbing your eyes and scratching your back vigorously. History is at it again. Brave new dawn everywhere. Eggs disappearing from shops. Fraternity and Equality.

But these cards have been dealt us by history so often that they have become commonplace. (They weren't that distinguished to start with either.) The last attempted coup happened in Lebanon. It involved no troop movements whatever. The chap just went to the T.V. station (probably in a taxi) and there made his announcement. He had asked nicely, apparently, and the program director thought he could just squeeze him between *weeo kajak* and *Charlie's Angels*. He could see no harm in it. And he was right. The chap said what he had to say. New Dawn. Justice to All. Truth. Beauty. etc. etc. Then went home. (Eggs did not disappear from shops. History therefore, failed to be made.)

A friend told me a sad little story. History, it appears, inadvertently stomped on

him when he was very young. (Unlikely, commented that history couldn't have been very old then either.) It was one of the first coups in the Arab world. He had come home from school, to see his house surrounded by troops. (His father was someone important in the old regime, an the first act of the new regime was to put him under house arrest.)

The kid was very scared. He tried to enter the house but was told his name was not on the arrest list. The sergeant in charge of the guard told him, You are free to go. But the kid shouted tearfully where would I go? This my house. My parents are here. You don't understand said the older soldier. I can't go about putting people under house arrest without orders. Your name isn't on the list. Shoo. The kid started bawling. A junior officer came and said shoo. But he kept up. Then a more senior one, then a more senior one. He still wouldn't go away, as bawled and bawled and bawled. Then very senior officer came. And looked at looked.

The kid was ruining a perfectly dignified historical moment. They had either shoot him or arrest him.

The very senior officer considered options, then turned to the sergeant. Where is that list? He took out a pen and added the kid's name to it. The sergeant saluted smartly then turned and said O.K. you lousy, counter-revolutionary kid. Inside. And in he rushed, shouting for joy.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awast

## Gold drifts lower

## Dollar traders turn cautious

LONDON, April 2 (AP) — The dollar was mixed in more cautious European trading Wednesday following a sharp rise earlier this week. Gold prices drifted lower.

"I see a bit caution setting in," said one foreign exchange dealer.

The dollar has soared over the past five weeks to its highest levels in almost two years against major currencies like the West German mark and Swiss franc.

Tuesday's latest increase in U.S. prime lending rates to a record 19 per cent got the dollar off to a firm start Wednesday in the far east.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 256.50 yen, up sharply from Tuesday's 253.65 and the dollar's highest level in two years. The Bank of Japan reportedly sold \$300 to \$400 million in defense of the yen, which is hurt by mounting oil import bills.

But when European banks opened for the

day the dollar was mixed.

Gold bullion, which closed weaker in New York Tuesday night, drifted lower in Europe. London's five bullion houses fixed morning price at \$498 a troy ounce, from Tuesday's closing \$502.90. In Z gold sold for \$497.50, down from \$51.

The London afternoon fixed of \$5 per ounce was up from \$498 at the morning, and down from \$509.50 at the afternoon's fixing.

Silver was worth \$14.75 an ounce in London, down from \$16.50.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per ounce):

	Wednesday	Tuesday
London	500.00	502.90
Paris	503.37	498.00
Frankfurt	502.97	504.00
Zurich	500.50	514.00
Hong Kong	497.93	498.00

## Remedies fail world sneeze champ

SUTTON COLDFIELD, England April 2 (AP) — Despite suggestions from all over the world, 12-year-old Tricia Reay, the world's longest consecutive sneezer, is still kerchooing.

Wednesday was her 171st straight day of sneezing — about every 30 seconds except for when she's sleeping — and a cure seems no closer.

"I've had lots of messages from all over the world, today I had one from Australia, yes-

terday from Denmark and France," she reported.

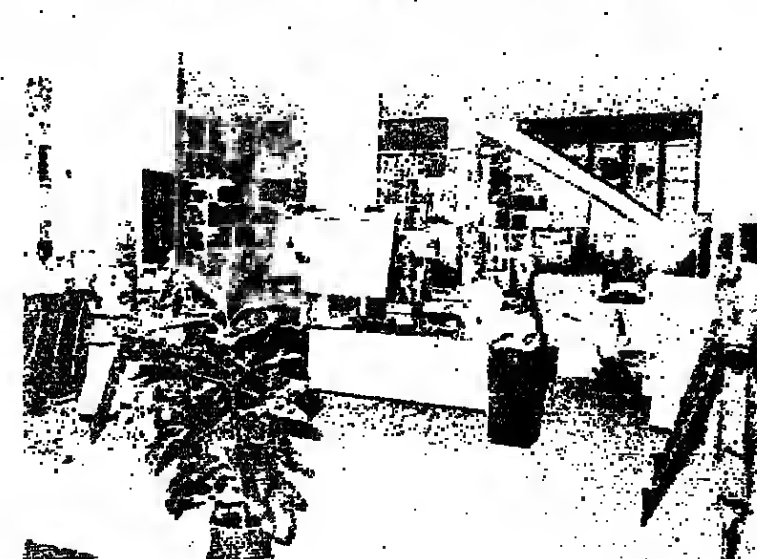
What cures have been suggested? "Well ... um (sneeze) ... one was rose mace, but I'm not going to try that. Another was starving myself for 30 days. I'm not going to try that."

"Some are from Christian doctors and just pray to the Lord."

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